



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**ABBIE HOFFMAN
(SUMMARY)**

PART 20 OF 26

BUFILES:100-449923 & 176-34

SUBJECT ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

FILE Headquarters 176-34

SECTION 4 OF 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS

DATE: October 31, 1968

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 10/10/68
(your file _____).

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REPORTING OFFICE BUFFALO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 10/29/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/24 - 29/68
TITLE OF CASE ABBOTT HOFFMAN, aka Abbie Hoffman (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY :pas
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RIOT LAWS	67C 5- WBC

REFERENCES: Bureau airtel dated 10/22/68, captioned "DEMONSTRATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, ARL." Buffalo airtel to Bureau, dated 10/26/68 bearing same caption.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 2 - USA, Chicago

Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: 10/29/68

Office: Buffalo, New York

Field Office File #: 176- 36 **b7c**

Bureau File #:

Title: ABBOTT HOFFMAN
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)

Character: ANTI-RIOT LAWS **b7c, D**

Synopsis: [REDACTED] stated that to his knowledge subject did not advocate violence or advocate making contributions to disorders nor is he known to have participated in the demonstrations in Chicago, Illinois, 8/26 - 29/68.

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[REDACTED]

He is not known to have advocated violence, civil disorders, or anything of a truly militant nature with regard to the demonstrations and protests of this period.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

did not observe the subject participating in any of the demonstrations, marches or disorders during the Democratic National Convention.

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Date: 11/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Milwaukee (100-15533) (C)
SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOFFMAN; ET AL
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Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 10/26/68.

This is to advise that photographs of the primary and secondary subjects were displayed to the ten individuals who were previously arrested during the Democratic National Convention. Also at this time these people were reinterviewed regarding the primary and secondary subjects, none of whom could furnish any pertinent information regarding the subjects.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/30/68

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (173-77)

SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOFFMAN (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
ARL
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago, dated 10/23/68, captioned, "Demcon".

Review in this matter has been completed. Detroit has no information of an evidentiary nature to report. No report is being submitted incorporating information located in other files. There are no outstanding leads at Detroit in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: November 19, 1968

FROM : CRIMINAL DIVISION
Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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DATE 1-27-82 BY SP8 JY/ste
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Reference is made to My memorandum dated 11/4/68
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special
Agent [redacted] 676 dated 11/13/68
at Chicago

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: **November 19, 1968**

FROM : **CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**
Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN**
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TITLE OF CASE ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY cae
		CHARACTER OF CASE b7c ARL	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 11/1/68, at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will discuss with AUSA to obtain his opinion as to what further action, if any, is warranted.

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One copy of this report is being furnished New York as subject resides in New York City.

All persons interviewed were advised this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General FRED M. VINSON, JR., Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 2- USA, Chicago

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 11/13/68

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 176-28

Bureau File #: 176-34

Title: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

Character: ANTIRIOT LAWS

Synopsis:

Subject denied permission to drive flat bed truck into Lincoln Park. Subject requested to be furnished with loud speaker which was denied. Subject announced over loud speaker that they had no legal right to be in Lincoln Park.

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DETAILS:

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Date 11/13/681

[REDACTED] 18th District,
Chicago Police Department, 113 West Chicago
Avenue, furnished the following information:

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On August 24, 1968, an individual whom he believes was ABBOTT HOFFMAN and JOE TORNAEBENE requested permission to drive a flat bed truck into Lincoln Park to use for a rock and roll band. TORNAEBENE was the driver of the truck.

[REDACTED] compromised with HOFFMAN and TORNAEBENE and agreed to let the truck park just outside the park by a fence north of LaSalle Street and very close to where they had wanted to park the truck. This satisfied HOFFMAN and TORNAEBENE but by this time a crowd of approximately 1,000 had congregated around the truck. [REDACTED] summoned additional policemen and they hurriedly cleared a path for the truck to make a "U" turn and proceed to the agreed upon area, and there was no incident.

[REDACTED] had no other personal contact with HOFFMAN and HOFFMAN did not at that time attempt to incite the crowd or cause any trouble.

On 11/8/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 176-28
by SA [REDACTED] cas 6762 Date dictated 11/13/68

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Date 11/13/681

[REDACTED]

Chicago Police Department, 113 West Chicago Avenue, furnished the following information:

On Sunday, August 25, 1968, at approximately 9:30 p.m., ABBOTT HOFFMAN approached him in Lincoln Park and requested that he be furnished a loud speaker. HOFFMAN was told by [REDACTED] that the police did not have a loud speaker for him to use and suggested that HOFFMAN borrow one from other groups in the park. HOFFMAN said he did not know the individuals who had the speakers in the other group.

HOFFMAN asked if he could stay in the park after 11:00 p.m. HOFFMAN was told that he could not stay after 11:00 p.m. because of a city ordinance which prohibited anyone from staying after 11:00 p.m. HOFFMAN answered by stating that they may not have a legal right but they have a moral right to stay after 11:00 p.m.

[REDACTED] who immediately obtained a loud speaker from someone else, say over the loud speaker, [REDACTED] informs us we have no legal right to be in the park because an ordinance prohibits us after 11:00 p.m., but we have a moral right."

[REDACTED] stated that this was his only contact with HOFFMAN but he did have one contact with ED SANDERS, a friend of HOFFMAN's, who resided at the Lincoln Hotel during the convention. He met SANDERS in the lobby of Second City Theater on either August 24 or 25, 1968; but prior to the above incident

On 11/13/68 at 'Chicago, Illinois File # CG 176-28

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with HOFFMAN. SANDERS requested that a flat bed truck be allowed in Lincoln Park for amplification equipment. [REDACTED] told SANDERS they would only be allowed to bring in equipment as other "be-ins" were allowed to do in the past, which was they were allowed to bring in equipment in a truck, unload it, and then remove the truck from the park.

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He stated he had no other contact with SANDERS.

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Date November 5, 1968

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provided the following information concerning his participation in demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, Ill., in August, 1968:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 11/1/68 at [REDACTED] New York File # AL 176-25
CG 176-28
by SA [REDACTED] Ped Date dictated 11/4/68

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[REDACTED] They went to Grant Park, where a rally was being held by a group called the Mobilization Committee. Members of the Chicago Police Department were on hand at the rally, where they distributed leaflets announcing that a permit had been granted for this rally within the park, but that if participants went outside the park limits to conduct a march, they would be subject to arrest as constituting a potential traffic hazard.

[REDACTED] recalled that the following individuals spoke at the rally, which was attended by several thousand:

DICK GREGORY;
WILLIAM GOLDING
JEAN GENET

TOM HAYDEN
NORMAN MAILER
DAVID DELLINGER

He could not recall if ABBOTT HOFFMAN was one of the speakers, although he stated he recalls mention at least of this individual's name.

[REDACTED] said he did not pay much attention to the speeches because he was listening to the convention broadcast on his transistor radio, and that he cannot attribute any specific remarks to any one speaker.

The only unpleasant incidents during the rally took place when someone took down an American flag from a flagpole. This action caused the police to move in, and a scuffle then ensued.

At the end of the rally those in attendance were given a choice of alternatives as to future activity on that date:

1. To stay there
2. To disperse and go home

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3. To disperse and meet elsewhere to engage in a march to the convention

4. To gather at a monument at one side of the park (Grant Park) and to then have a non-violent march to the convention site.

██████████ said that the third alternative, as presented, was never clearly defined as to whether this was to be a violent or non-violent demonstration, but that the fourth alternative, which was proposed by DAVE DELLINGER, to the best of his recollection, clearly was presented as a non-violent action. Since he does not believe in violence of any kind, he elected to join the demonstrators at the park monument.

After a group gathered at the monument, they were instructed to lock arms in groups of eight and to march in this manner to the convention site. These instructions were given by parade marshals, who were so identified by armbands. The march was halted by police immediately after it started. After about two to three hours of negotiations, between the parade marshals and the police, it was finally announced that negotiations had broken down and that there would be no march. The group of marchers then began to disperse.

██████████ after leaving the park, eventually was able to cross Michigan Avenue, and finally found himself with a group of demonstrators outside of the Conrad Hilton Hotel. He said there were no speeches, with one exception, that being when a man from a mule train which had marched to the area, and which was a carry-over from the Poor Peoples Campaign, made a short talk, asking those present to wait for Reverend ABERNATHY, who would be by later to join them. Instead of speeches, there was a general chanting by those present critical of the Democratic Party and praising Senator McCarthy.

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During this period, [REDACTED] became separated from his friend [REDACTED]. Ultimately, the Chicago Police moved in and began fighting with the demonstrators and making mass arrests. [REDACTED] said that his attendance was completely passive and that he left the area about 11 PM and proceeded to [REDACTED]. Later that night, he and [REDACTED] returned to the Conrad Hilton Hotel area, where he remained until about 5 AM the next morning. During this time, several delegates to the convention made speeches to the demonstrators. After a few hours sleep, he left Chicago at 8 AM that morning.

[REDACTED] concluded that he traveled to Chicago on his own volition, hoping to add his voice to the supporters of Senator Mc Carthy and to see what was going to transpire at the National Convention. He gave no participation to any riot or any violent activity.

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Date 11/13/68

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Chicago Police Department, was recontacted and he was advised he had no additional information concerning HOFFMAN. He stated he has no knowledge of HOFFMAN distributing a book during the Democratic National Convention.

On 11/5/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 176-28
by **b7C** SA [REDACTED] /cae -9- Date dictated 11/7/68

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[redacted] Chicago Police Department, was recontacted and he advised he has no additional information concerning HOFFMAN and has no knowledge of HOFFMAN distributing a book during the Democratic National Convention.

On 11/5/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 176-28
by b7C SA [redacted] /cae -10- Date dictated 11/7/68

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Date 11/13/68

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[REDACTED]

Chicago, advised she has no information concerning activities during the Democratic National Convention, as furnished by [REDACTED] on September 26, 1968, and has no information concerning ABBIE HOFFMAN. She stated she did not attend any of the demonstrations mentioned by [REDACTED]. She can furnish no pertinent information.

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11/4/68

Chicago, Illinois

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SA [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

TO Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

November 27, 1968

FROM Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

FMV:CEB:km
144-23-725

SUBJECT Democratic National Convention
Antiriot Laws

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In connection with the investigation currently being conducted, your attention is directed to the report published by the Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago, captioned, "The Strategy of Confrontation - Chicago and the Democratic National Convention - 1968," dated September 6, 1968, a copy of which is in your possession.

On page 6 of this document it is reported that:

"Private citizens and newspaper reporters did, as a matter of fact, witness the training carried on by Hoffman and others. Snake dancing, defensive blocking, kicking of adversary in leg or groin were demonstrated and practiced during the 'Marshals' training. Use of red or green flares as weapons, also oven cleaning spray, hair spray and manufacture of primitive but effective missiles such as nails stuck into golf balls, razors concealed in canes and darts made from sharpened coat hangers was also part of the instruction. [Emphasis added.]"

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The last sentence of this quote indicates that instruction in the use of offensive weapons was given as part of the marshal training. Please ascertain whether or not this statement is true and if so, locate and interview the sources of this information.

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TO: SAC, Chicago (176-28)
REC 45
FROM: Director, FBI (176-34) — 39

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, AKA
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
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Enclosed are two copies of a Departmental letter dated 11-27-68 requesting additional investigation in this matter.

Complete the requested investigation and surep within seven days of this investigation. Advise all persons interviewed that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice. If the investigation requested by the Department has been previously conducted, you should submit a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination identifying the previous communications containing the results of the desired investigation.

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NOTE:

Department has requested interview of sources of information appearing in Mayor Daley's report indicating that the marshals of the demonstrations were instructed in defensive tactics, snake dancing, and the use of homemade weapons.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: November 29, 1968

FMV:RBC:bks

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FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Democratic National Convention
Antiriot Laws

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In connection with the investigation currently being conducted, your attention is directed to a report by Special Agent [redacted] entitled "Abbott H. Hoffman," dated September 18, 1968 from New York City.

On page 15 of this document it is reported that a newspaper article in the "New York Post" on September 5, 1968, quoted Abbie Hoffman in part as follows:

"They called us hardcore anarchists with plots to overthrow the government, well, that's not a secret. That's always been the case. What's the big deal? In Chicago we had two aims. One was to present the reality of America as we saw it as long-haired dropouts. And what we see in America as a police state. The second was to present the reality and beauty of struggling for a new society."

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It is requested that a witness be located who can testify that he heard Hoffman make this statement.

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TO: SAC, New York (176-6)

FROM: Director, FBI (176-34) — 410

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ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, AKA
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
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Re New York report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9-18-68.

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 11-29-68.

Complete the requested investigation and surep within five days of receipt of this investigation. Advise all persons interviewed that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice.

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NOTE:

Department has requested location and interview of the witness who can testify to statements attributed to subject in a newspaper article which appeared in the New York Post during September, 1968.

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Date: 12/5/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (176-34)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (176-6)

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN aka
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
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ReBuairtel to NY, 12/2/68.

On 12/5/68, [redacted] "New York Post", telephone number 944-9000, advised SAA [redacted] telephonically that [redacted] who wrote the article about ABBIE HOFFMAN, appearing in 9/5/68, issue of the "New York Post" is on vacation and will return to work at 6 PM 12/9/68. He said [redacted] is out of town and he does not know where he can be reached.

NY will interview [redacted] upon his return from vacation.

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Approved: [redacted]
Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: December 9, 1968

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FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: Democratic National Convention
Antiriot Laws

In connection with the investigation currently being conducted, your attention is directed to an article entitled "Press, TV Influenced Both Sides" by William Chapman in the Washington Post of December 2, 1968.

This article on page 1 and 17 states in part as follows:

Abbie Hoffman, the Yippie leader, is quoted in the report (study released on December 1, 1968 by the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence) explaining how he hoped to use television as a weapon against the convention.

"We wanted to-up their image on TV. I fight through the jungle of TV, you see. . .its's all in terms of disrupting the image, the image of a democratic society being run very peacefully and orderly and everything is according to business."

Describing the Yippies' tactics, the report said: "This theatrical concept was a primary ingredient of their approach. The audience would be the American public, the means of communication would be the mass media, manipulated to create distorted images of themselves. The stage would be the streets and the message would be a demonstration of disrespect, irreverence and ridicule."

It quotes Hoffman as saying "You got a TV set? That's a jungle. . .We get on that tube. . .we get information out, and our information is heavy, and it sticks, and it's exciting, it's alive."

It is requested that a witness be located who can testify that he heard Hoffman make the statements

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To: SAC, Chicago (176-28)
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SCOTT H. HOFFMAN, NY;
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Enclosed for each office are two copies of a Department memorandum dated 12/9/68.

The report referred to in the enclosed memorandum is the report compiled by the Walker Study Team of the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, entitled "Fights in Conflict."

For information of Chicago, the statement attributed to Hoffman which appears in paragraph 4 of the enclosed memorandum beginning "He wanted to up their image on TV." appears on page 20 of the report. The source is not shown in the report. Information concerning the identity of the source should be available through the Chicago office of the above-mentioned Commission.

For information of New York, statement attributed to Hoffman set out in paragraph 6 of enclosed Department memorandum appears on page 20 of the above-mentioned report and the source is shown as the October 3-9, 1968 edition of the New York Free Press.

Chicago and New York complete the requested investigation surep within 5 days of receipt of this communication.

Advise all persons interviewed that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 12/10/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/5/68 - 12/9/68
TITLE OF CASE ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN aka (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] (A)	TYPED BY mso
		CHARACTER OF CASE 67c ARL	

REFERENCES:

Bureau airtel to New York, 12/2/68;
New York letter to Bureau, 12/5/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

[REDACTED] was advised that interview was conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General FRED M. VINSON, JR., Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

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Report of: [REDACTED] (A) Office: New York, New York
 Date: 12/10/68
 Field Office File #: 176-6 Bureau File #: 176-34
 Title: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

Character: ANTI-RIOT LAWS **b7c**

Synopsis: [REDACTED], "New York Post", advised telephonically that ABBOTTHOFFMAN made statement to him over telephone that he quoted in article written by him in "New York Post" on September 5, 1968. [REDACTED] said that no one else heard telephone conversation between him and HOFFMAN.

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DETAILS: **b7c**

On December 5, 1968 [REDACTED] "New York Post" advised SAA [REDACTED] telephonically that [REDACTED] who wrote the article about ABBIE HOFFMAN appearing in the September 5, 1968, issue of the "New York Post" is on vacation and will return on December 9, 1968, at 6:00 pm.

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Mr. [redacted] "New York Post", telephonically contacted Special Agent [redacted] as the result of message left at that newspaper requesting that he call.

[redacted] advised that ABBOTT HOFFMAN made statement over telephone that was quoted by him in article written by him in "New York Post" on September 5, 1968. [redacted] said that no one else heard the telephone conversation between him and HOFFMAN and that the conversation took place on September 3 or 4, 1968.

On 12/9/68 at (telephonically) New York, New York File # NY 176-6
by SAA [redacted] mso **b7c** Date dictated 12/10/68

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (176-28)
SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, aka
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Re Bureau airtel dated 12/10/68, and department memorandum dated 12/9/68.

██████████ Chicago Crime Commission, advised statement attributed to HOFFMAN in paragraph four of re department memorandum was as a result of interview by ██████████, a member of Walker Study Team.

██████████ is currently out of town and will not return until early next week. Upon his return, de ██████████ will be interviewed and the Bureau will be advised.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 12/19/68

FROM : **CRIMINAL DIVISION**
Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT HOFFMAN**
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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Reference is made to My memorandum dated 12/17/68
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special
Agent [REDACTED] dated 12/17/68
at New York **b7c**

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 12/19/68

FROM : CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION
Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 12/17/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/12-12/16/68
TITLE OF CASE ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN aka (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] (A)	TYPED BY hk
		CHARACTER OF CASE ARL b7c	

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 12/10/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

[REDACTED] New York Free Press, and **[REDACTED]** Liberation News Service, were advised that investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General FRED M. VINSON, Jr. Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

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Report of:

[REDACTED] (A)

Office: New York, New York

Date:

12/17/67

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 176-34

Title:

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

Character:

ANTI-RIOT LAWS

Synopsis:

Article entitled, "MY LIFE TO LIVE" by ABBIE HOFFMAN appearing in NEW YORK FREE PRESS issue dated October 3—October 9, 1968, attributed to impromptu discussion recorded for LIBERATION NEWS SERVICE (LNS) on September 20. [REDACTED] of NEW YORK FREE PRESS stated that he has no information as to who heard HOFFMAN making statements appearing in article. [REDACTED] of LIBERATION NEWS SERVICE declined to furnish any information and said any information regarding the article would have to come from Mr. HOFFMAN.

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Date 12/13/68

[REDACTED] NEW YORK FREE PRESS, 200 West 72nd Street, New York, New York, made available a copy of the NEW YORK FREE PRESS dated October 3 - October 9, 1968, in which there appeared an article entitled, "MY LIFE TO LIVE" by ABBIE HOFFMAN.

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The following statement appeared in italics at the beginning of the article:

"The following impromptu discussion was recorded for LNS on September 20. Taking part in the yipping-out of Chicago, Abbie was arrested during the Democratic Convention uprising of an obscenity charge (he had imprinted "- - - -" (obscene) upon his brow to dissuade inquiring photographers). Returning to Chicago to clear up this charge, he was arrested on two new charges by the Chicago police and the FBI, and then served with a subpoena to appear at the hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee on Oct. 1."

[REDACTED] stated that LNS is LIBERATION NEWS SERVICE. He declined to give any further information and stated that he had no information as to who heard HOFFMAN make statements appearing in the article.

On 12/12/68 at New York, New York File# NY 176-6

by [REDACTED] (A):tp [REDACTED] Date dictated 12/12/68

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Date 12/16/68

[redacted] Liberation News Service, 160 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York, declined to furnish any information concerning statements attributed to ABBOTT HOFFMAN appearing in article in New York Free Press. He said any information concerning the article would have to come from Mr. HOFFMAN.

On 12/16/68 at New York, New York File # NY 176-6

by [redacted] (A):hk b7c Date dictated 12/16/68

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Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 12/10/68,
entitled "DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL CONVENTION, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ARL".

For information of New York, referenced airtel
stated the Criminal Division of the Department has requested
investigation to determine the four points listed below
in connection with the subject and nine other subjects:

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1. Subject's address immediately prior to his departure for Chicago in order to attend the Democratic National Convention;
2. The date subject departed his residence for Chicago;
3. How subject traveled to Chicago;
4. The date subject first arrived in Chicago.

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The Department has observed that this information has been generally obtained concerning all subjects; however, it is desired that a witness be obtained to testify to each of the above points other than informant testimony. Witnesses capable of furnishing this information might be neighbors, landlords or singular individuals who may not know the destination of subject, but who will nevertheless be able to state that subject was not at his residence for a stated period prior to, or during the convention.

Referenced airtel continues that if such information is not available, appropriate leads should be set out and report submitted when all the requested information has been obtained.

A review of Chicago files fail to reflect date subject departed his residence, date he arrived in Chicago and his mode of travel. It is noted that subject has come to Chicago by air during subsequent court appearances in Chicago.

New York teletype dated August 15, 1968, entitled "DEMCON", reflected that subject was then in Chicago and ANITA HOFFMAN was leaving New York by air the evening of August 16, 1968.

The surveillance by the Chicago Police Department did not begin until after August 21, 1968.

New York is requested to attempt to obtain witnesses to above four requests by the Department.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 12/20/68

CRIMINAL DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN**
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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Reference is made to My memorandum dated 12/19/68
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 12/20/68

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
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FBI

Date: 12/18/68

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Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 12/10/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM regarding the subject.

For the information of WFO, the department has requested that a witness be located who can testify that he heard HOFFMAN make several statements which were set forth in the Walker Study Team Report released on 12/1/68 by the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

One statement attributed to HOFFMAN which appears in the request by the department, is on page 50 of the above report and is as follows:

"We wanted to (obscure) up their image on TV. I fight through the jungle of TV, you see. . .it's all in terms of disrupting the image, the image of a democratic society being run very peacefully and orderly and everything is according to business."

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[redacted] Walker Study Team, advised on 12/17/68, that he did not interview HOFFMAN and that all records have been sent to Washington, D.C. and are under the control of National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

WFO is requested to obtain identity of individual who interviewed HOFFMAN and obtained above quote.

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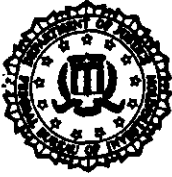
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 176-28

Chicago, Illinois
December 18, 1968

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

Reference is made to letter dated December 9, 1968, to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), from Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, titled Democratic National Convention, Antiriot Laws. This letter referred to a report released by the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence on December 1, 1968.

Paragraph 5 of referenced letter stated as follows:

"Describing the Yippies' tactics, the report said: 'This theatrical concept was a primary ingredient of their approach. The audience would be the American public, the means of communication would be the mass media, manipulated to create distorted images of themselves. The stage would be the streets and the message would be a demonstration of disrespect, irreverence and ridicule.'"

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[REDACTED] Walker Study Team, National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, Chicago, Illinois, advised on December 13, 1968, that the above paragraph was written by the staff and was not a direct quote from Hoffman.

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176-34-47

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 12/27/68

CRIMINAL DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS**

FILE COPY

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Reference is made to My memorandum dated 12/20/68
(your file _____).

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Agent [REDACTED] (A) b7c dated 12/20/68
at New York

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1 cc Civil Rights Division

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 12/27/68

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS**

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at New York **67c**

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1 cc Criminal Division

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 12/24/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/20/68
TITLE OF CASE ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN aka (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] (A)	TYPED BY ats
		CHARACTER OF CASE b7c ARL	

REFERENCE:

Buairtel to CG, dated 12/10/68.
CGairtel to NY, 12/16/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The NYO has no sources from which the date of departure, date of arrival in Chicago, or mode of travel, of ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN can be ascertained.

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DATE 1-27-82 BY SP5/STJ/ste

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	ICC SRWI + CRD		
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Date Fwd.	12/27/68		
How Fwd.	694-B		
By	<i>[Signature]</i>		

Notation **[REDACTED] b7c**
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of:

[REDACTED]

(A)

Office: New York, New York

Date:

DECEMBER 24, 1968

Field Office File #:

176-6

Bureau File #:

176-34

Title:

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

Character:

ANTIRIOT LAWS

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] 30 St. Mark's Place, NY, NY,
advised that he does not know when ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN left
in August, 1968, and does not know his mode of travel.

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DETAILS:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/24/68

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[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] 30 St. Mark's Place, New York, New York,
 [REDACTED] ABBOTT HOFFMAN and his wife, ANITA,
 who live in Apartment Number BW on the First Floor of the
 building. [REDACTED] He knows that HOFFMAN and his wife
 were out of town during the latter part of August, 1968,
 and that other people stayed in their apartment. [REDACTED]
 said that he did not know HOFFMAN left in August and does
 not know his mode of travel. He said that he heard that
 HOFFMAN was in Chicago during the convention. [REDACTED]
 that the people who stayed in HOFFMAN's apartment were not
 known to him. He said that it is not uncommon for people
 in the East Village to use apartments of acquaintances.

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On 12/20/68 at New York, New York File # NY 176-6
 by SA [REDACTED] (A)/ats b7c Date dictated 12/23/68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

DATE: December 13, 1968.

FROM : Director, FBI

FILE COPY

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN AKA
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
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(your file FMV:CEB:km, 144-23-725) captioned "Democratic National
Convention, Antiriot Laws."

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Agent [REDACTED] dated 12/10/68
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: December 13, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

FILE COPY

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN AKA
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
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Date: 12/6/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (176-34)
FROM SAC, CHICAGO (176-28)
SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, aka
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
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Reurairtel dated 12/2/68.

Enclosed are five copies of LHM setting forth information previously furnished regarding information requested by Department in letter attached to reairtel.

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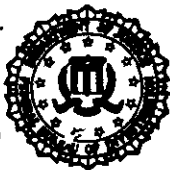
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TO Jonathan Smith,
Criminal Division
6-4-76 [Redacted]

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 176-28

December 6, 1968
Chicago, Illinois 60604

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated September 20, 1968, at Chicago, Illinois.

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Page 14 of referenced report reflected that [redacted]
[redacted] stated that Hoffman, in a speech in Lincoln Park,
told the listeners that they should wear helmets, bear arms of
any kind which could be used against the police and have rocks,
bottles and sticks in their possession.

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ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

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Page 15 of referenced report reflected that [REDACTED] stated that Hoffman, in a speech in Lincoln Park, suggested that they get what ever weapons were available to combat the police. He told them to use golf balls and drive nails and spikes through them. He also said beer bottles are good weapons and half bucks are better than stones because they are sharper. He also told them to use oven cleaner to counteract mace.

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Page 17 of referenced report reflects that the demonstrators hurled such objects as bricks, rocks, bottles, balls with nails protruding, spears of wood and knives at the police.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 22, 1968, at Chicago, entitled Wolfe B. Lowenthal, reflected on page 2 that Departmental Attornies Gregory Jones and Michael Abbell have received numerous rolls of film and that NBC reel number 25 covers a training session in Lincoln Park in which Lowenthal is shown leading a group and is demonstrating defense tactics.

Page 8 through 20 of this report contained reports of Chicago Police Officers who conducted surveillances at Lincoln Park during training sessions, including taking photographs. Page 16 reflected that Lowenthal illustrated a kick in the groin.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN,
ANTIRIOT LAWS

DATE: January 10, 1969

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *wcs*

1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Bishop

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] 1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. McGowan

In connection with the investigation involving subject, an [REDACTED] official of the Youth International Party (YIP), growing out of the Chicago violence, the Department has requested interview of Lawrence Lipton concerning an article he wrote based on his alleged telephone interview of subject concerning the YIP Festival of Life scheduled for 8/25 - 30/68 in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention. According to the article, subject indicated that festival plans encompassed a march to the Amphitheater (where Convention was held) and civil disobedience.

Lipton, subject of Bureau file 100-428153, a beatnik poet, published a vulgar satirical poem "I was a poet for the FBI" in 1958; when contacted and admonished regarding his unauthorized use of the initials FBI, he apologized and later apologized to the Director by letter. However, the poem was included in a subsequent article written by him.

[REDACTED] reportedly attacks law enforcement in his writings and lectures. He reportedly would have no hesitation in misquoting persons or attributing erroneous statements to law enforcement officers if he thought it would further his journalistic career.

While Lipton is apparently an unreliable and undesirable type, this is a criminal matter and Lipton is the logical witness regarding subject's statements. In order to properly discharge our responsibilities, we should attempt to interview him as requested by the Department. If he will not cooperate, the Department can then subpoena him. *176-3450*

ACTION: Attached for approval is an airtel to Los Angeles instructing that Lipton be interviewed by two mature, experienced Agents thoroughly familiar with his background, and that he be told that the interview is being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice. *JAN 16 1969*

Enclosure *1-3-69*

b7c [REDACTED] *2/2/69* *WCS/BR* *AR* *MR*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: January 9, 1969

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FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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FMV:RBC:bks

SUBJECT: Democratic National Convention
Antiriot Laws

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In connection with the investigation currently being conducted, your attention is directed to a report by Special Agent [redacted] entitled, "Abbott Hoffman," dated September 23, 1968 from Los Angeles, California.

Pages 3 through 5 of this document contains a newspaper article entitled "Yippies to Visit Hog Capital" by Lawrence Lipton that appeared in the August 16-22, 1968 issue of the Los Angeles Free Press.

The article states that it is based on a telephone conversation between Lipton and Abbott Hoffman. Please interview Lipton about the information in the article with emphasis on Hoffman's statement on page 4 of the report about the march to the Amphitheater and civil disobedience in downtown Chicago that was planned for August 28, 1968.

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AIRTEL TO SAC, LA
[redacted] lff 1/13/69*

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1 - Mr. [redacted]

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI (176-34)

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ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS

Reurlet 9/11/68, your report and letterhead memorandum dated 9/23/68 and your letterhead memorandum dated 9/25/68.

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 1/9/69.

Lipton should be interviewed in accordance with the Department's request by two mature, experienced Agents thoroughly familiar with his background.

Handle immediately and surep within three days of the receipt of this communication. Furnish appropriate copies of your report to Chicago.

Advise Lipton he is being interviewed at the specific request of AAG Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, USDJ.

Enclosures (2)
1 - Chicago (for information)
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NOTE: See Rosen & DeLoach memorandum dated 1/10/69, [redacted] b/jf, captioned as above.

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FBI

Date: 1/23/69

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
 (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (176-34)
 FROM: SAC, WFO (176-72) (RUC)
 ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, aka;
 (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
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 (OO: CHICAGO)

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ReCGairtel to Bureau 12/18/68.

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On 1/22/69, [redacted] National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, 726 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised that the records of the Walker Study Team are stored in the archives. He advised that the only way to locate statements of HOFFMAN would be to go through all the documents and examine each of them. To his knowledge, any statement would bear the identity of the individual who conducted the interview.

[redacted] recommended that [redacted] and member of the Walker Study Team be contacted prior to reviewing all the records since he would most likely be able to advise who interviewed HOFFMAN without referring the records. If he does not know, he can advise the best

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C. C. Bishop

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 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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method of locating statements in the records. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is presently a member of the Chicago Crime Commission. b7c

Chicago contact [REDACTED] Chicago Crime Commission to determine individual who interviewed HOFFMAN.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 1/22/69

FROM : **CRIMINAL DIVISION**
Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN**
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 1/22/69

FROM : CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION
Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS

FILE COPY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 1/17/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD January 16, 1969
TITLE OF CASE ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY jem
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RIOT LAWS	

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 1/13/69.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

LAWRENCE L. LIPTON, when interviewed, was advised that he was being interviewed at the specific request of FRED M. VINSON, JR., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice.

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APPROVED: [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report				Notations
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ICC CRD/Cum P (S)	54 JAN 31 1969	1/22/69	6-4-76	JONATHAN SMITH CRIM. DIV. 6-4-76
By: <u>[Signature]</u>				

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 2 - USA, Chicago

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: Los Angeles, California

Date: 1/17/69

Field Office File #: 176-19

Bureau File #: [REDACTED]

Title: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

Character: ANTI-RIOT LAWS

Synopsis: Interview of LAWRENCE L. LIPTON, author of the article appearing in the August 16-22, 1968 issue of the Los Angeles Free Press, captioned, "Yippies to Visit Hog Capital," set forth.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter was predicated upon receipt of a departmental letter dated January 9, 1969, which is set forth as follows: (See Page 2).

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

January 3, 1969

FMV:RBC:bks

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Democratic National Convention
Antiriot Laws

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 1/16/69

LAWRENCE L. LIPTON, 2311 Oakwood Avenue, Venice, was interviewed at his residence and furnished the following information:

LIPTON related that approximately a week before the Democratic National Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, he had telephonically contacted ABBOTT HOFFMAN, a member of the Yippies, concerning the plans which the Yippies had scheduled for occurring at the Democratic National Convention. He advised this telephone conversation had been taped by him and was reported verbatim in his article appearing in the Los Angeles Free Press captioned, "Yippies to Visit Hog Capital." LIPTON related, "The Yippies who came to Chicago came to ridicule, befuddle, and in short, to drive the authorities nuts. The Yippies consider this to be the number one element of revolution which is as old as the holy fools of Christianity." LIPTON added the "holy fools" of Christianity fooled the Roman soldiers by their crazy actions and antics, as the Yippies are fooling those persons in positions of authority today. He cited a recent example of this by recalling JERRY RUBIN, a member of the Yippies, when appearing before a recent investigating committee, dressed himself in a Santa Claus suit. LIPTON commented that individuals such as JERRY RUBIN, ABBIE HOFFMAN, and PAUL KRASSNER are all anarchists who dislike authority and "the establishment." LIPTON added that he was sure that if HOFFMAN was tried, he would admit to any charges which might be brought against him plus admitting to other things. LIPTON was of the opinion that HOFFMAN was open in all his involvement and would not attempt to hide anything.

LIPTON was asked if the Yippies who came to Chicago came for the purpose of creating civil disobedience. He related that some of the individuals intended to create civil disobedience, but those persons connected with "the establishment" failed to try to understand that, to the Yippies, their movement is a religious movement and action

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On 1/16/69 at Venice, California File # Los Angeles 176-19
 by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] jem **67C** Date dictated 1/16/69

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in the streets is equivalent to High Mass in the Catholic Church. LIPTON stated the best way to defeat organizations such as the Yippies is for persons connected with the establishment to have a sense of humor and be able to laugh at the crazy antics of the Yippies rather than consider the Yippies as a threat, but the "One thing that the establishment cannot stand is ridicule and laughter."

LIPTON was also asked the question concerning the reason for the self-defense workshop scheduled by the Yippies at the Democratic National Convention. He related that "Right wing organizations had threatened to beat up persons participating in the demonstrations at the convention and the reason for the training was to defend themselves from right wing vigilante groups." He went on to state that the security of the United States was more in jeopardy from the elements in the right wing than it was from the left.

Mr. LIPTON stated that his telephone conversation with ABBIE HOFFMAN was recorded by himself and the article which he wrote for the "Los Angeles Free Press" contains all the conversation between himself and ABBIE HOFFMAN. He related the tape containing this conversation was retained by him and he would make it available if anyone so desired.

During the course of interview, it was ascertained that LIPTON has authored more than 22 mystery and other novels, in addition to being a free-lance author. He advised he had written articles for numerous magazines including "Cavalier", "Knight", and the newspaper, "The Los Angeles Free Press". He related he had recently written an article concerning the Democratic National Convention for the "Cavalier" magazine.

While LIPTON was being interviewed, he volunteered the information that he had just written an article appearing in the January 10, 1969, issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press," which was a book review of a book entitled, "Revolution for the Hell of It," written by Free, which according to LIPTON, is a pseudonym of ABBOTT HOFFMAN. He made available copies of the "Los Angeles Free Press" containing copies of this article which is set forth as follows:

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

REVOLUTION: THE HIGHEST TRIP OF THEM ALL

REVOLUTION FOR THE HELL OF IT

By Free

The Dial Press

Hard bound, \$4.95 Paper \$1.95

LAWRENCE LIPTON

In a series of self-propounded questions, Abbie Hoffman, author of this book and self-appointed anonymous non-leader of the non-existent Yippies (this by his own description), has this to say about the most frequently propounded question concerning the Youth International Party (YIP):

QUESTION: Do you consider yourself politically relevant?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: Is that the best answer you can think of?

ANSWER: Well, when you ask a question like that you trigger off umpteen responses in my head. I believe in the politics of ecstasy.

QUESTION: Can you explain that a little more?

ANSWER: No, but I can touch it, I can smell it, I can even dance it, I can even fight it. Politics is to me the way somebody lives his life. Not what they vote for or support or even believe in, I'm more interested in art than politics but, well, see, we are all caught in a word box. I find it difficult to make these kinds of divisions. Northrop, in MEETING OF EAST AND WEST, said, "Life is an undifferentiated aesthetic continuum." Let me say that the Vietcong attacking the U. S. Embassy in Saigon is a work of art. I guess I like revolutionary art.

QUESTION: This word game, as you call it. Doesn't that present problems in conveying what you want to say?

ANSWER: Yes, but not in what I want to do. Let me say... Did you hear Andy Warhol talk?

QUESTION: Yes, or at least I think it was him.

ANSWER: Well, I would like to combine his style and that of Castro's. Warhol understands modern media. Castro has a passion for social change. It's not easy. One's a fag and the other is the epitome of virility. If I was forced to make a choice I would choose Castro, but right now in this period of change in the country the styles of the two can be blended. It's not guerrilla warfare but, well, maybe a good term is monkey warfare. If the country becomes more repressive we must become Castros. If it becomes more tolerant we must become Warhols.

As I write these lines Abbie Hoffman is bringing a big damage suit, with ACLU backing, against the District of Columbia fuzz who busted him Oct. 4 for wearing a shirt made out of an American flag. His complaint is that against his will the D.C. police took a sample of his blood in jail and did it with a nondisposable needle which gave him a hepatitis infection and permanent damage to his liver. I remember his perpetual state of REVOLUTIONARY HIGH (yes, there is no better name for it, a high, much like a dope high) when he was doing his thing in Chicago last August, and it grieves me to think of Abbie brought to a terrible LOW like the hepatitis low, than which there is no going lower or more turned off.

It's the nearest thing I can think of to a poetic injustice.

Of all the facets of the current multidimensional world revolution the most strikingly new and original is the Yippie— what shall I call it? since words, names, are irrelevant in this case and only acts can define or even name it. Picture Abbie laughing his holy fool head off as the Chicago Dazey pigs (or was it the feds, I forgot, but what the hell is the difference?) were whaling the hell out of him during an "interrogation". Picture Abbie in a goofy disguise, like some

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Los Angeles Free
Press
Los Angeles, Calif.

Date: 1/10/69

Edition:

Author: Lawrence Lipton

Editor: Art Kunkin

Title: "Revolution;
the Highest Trip of
Them All"

Character: ARL

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: Los Angeles

Being Investigated

goddamn old-time mystery flick, speaking openly in Grant Park to a crowd of thousands while the fuzz are all over the place and the Secret Service goons detailed to tail him are snooping around all over Chicago trying to pick up his trail. YIP has been called a blend of psychedelic and guerrilla revolution. In Abbie's case it is more like an esthetic art high that results naturally, like a mantra-chant high from the ACT OF REVOLUTION itself.

I felt it every day I was in Chicago last August. Abbie had it, Jerry Rubbin had it, Paul Krassner had it, Ed Sanders had it, everybody who participated in the action had it. It was like the non-verbal high you have on an acid trip. You don't want to make speeches or write descriptions of it, or make reports about it, I had a hell of a time trying to get myself to sit down at the typewriter and bat out the reportorial stuff I was committed to sending back to the L.A. Free Press and the New York-based Cavalier magazine. It wasn't till after the street theater, the live action, was over that I was able to do more than drop a few pages in the mail or report on it by long distance telephone, orally.

Aldous Huxley once told me that when he ingested lysergic acid he didn't want to verbalize about it "during" and had trouble trying to write about it afterwards—and he was a wordcraft cat if I ever saw one. Tim Leary said, when I put the question to him, "you're just too BUSY experiencing it to feel the least bit like describing it."

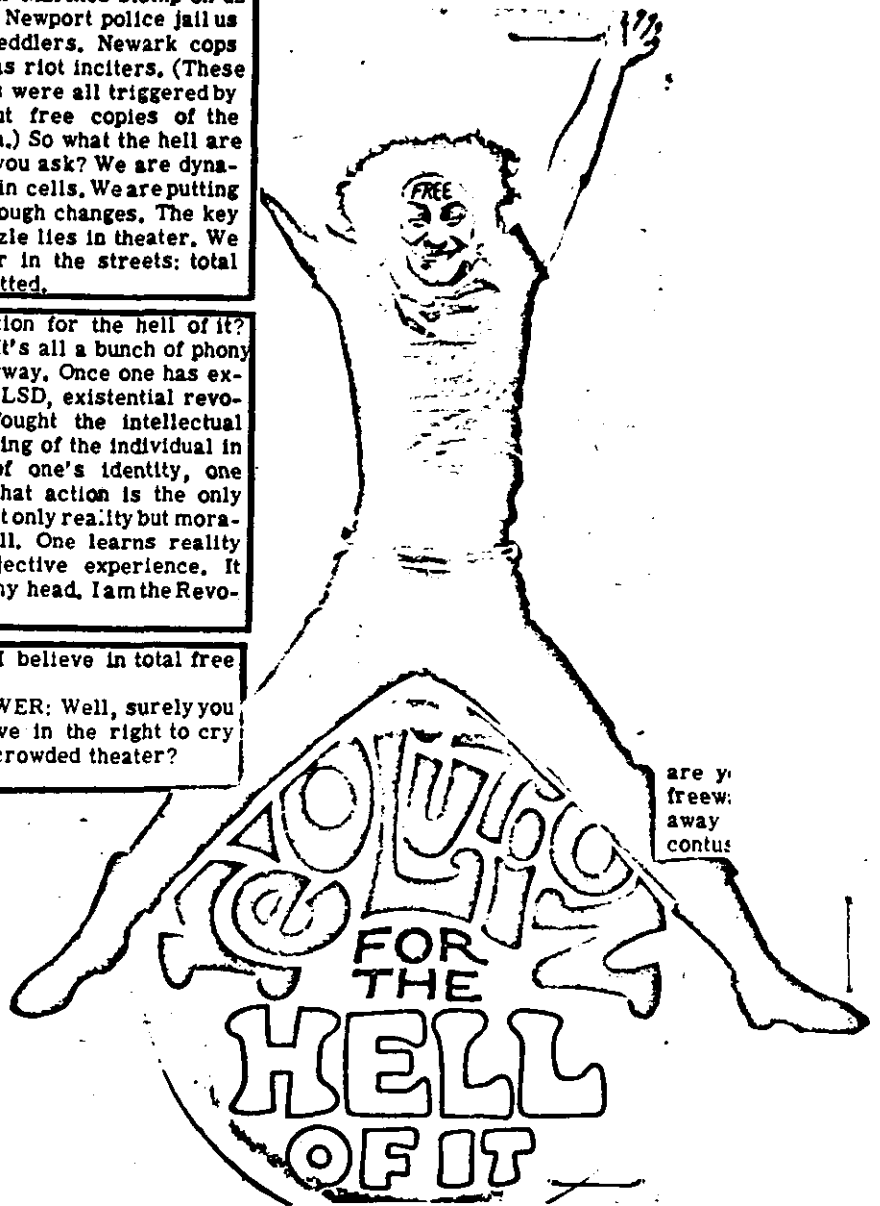
Abbie Hoffman is STILL too busy experiencing it to say very much about the revolutionary high itself, but he has managed to put 200 pages on paper about the before and after effects in REVOLUTION FOR THE HELL OF IT, most descriptive word formula for the DURING effect of the revolutionary high anybody ever has put on paper. Wasn't that the way Molly Bloom described her first fuck (I'm still too high just thinking about Chicago in August to bother looking it up in my copy of ULYSSES) in these words (I quote from memory) "I let him lerrup it into me just for the hell of it."

"The Old Left says we work for the CIA. Ex-Marines stomp on us as Pinkos. Newport police jail us as smut peddlers. Newark cops arrest us as riot inciters. (These four events were all triggered by passing out free copies of the same poem.) So what the hell are we doing, you ask? We are dynamiting brain cells. We are putting people through changes. The key to the puzzle lies in theater. We are theater in the streets: total and committed.

"Revolution for the hell of it? Why not? It's all a bunch of phony words anyway. Once one has experienced LSD, existential revolution, fought the intellectual game-playing of the individual in society, of one's identity, one realizes that action is the only reality; not only reality but morality as well. One learns reality is a subjective experience. It exists in my head. I am the Revolution.

ME: Yes, I believe in total free speech.
INTERVIEWER: Well, surely you don't believe in the right to cry "fire" in a crowded theater?
ME: FIRE!

"Don't be for or against. Riots—environmental and psychological—are Holy, so don't screw around with explanations. Theater also has some advantages. It is involving for those people that are ready for it while at the same time dismissed as nonthreatening by those that could potentially wreck the stage.



1-30-69

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To: SAC, Chicago (176-28)

From: Director, FBI (176-34)

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, AKA
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
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Chicago teletype dated 1-28-69, captioned,
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IS - Miscellaneous; Abbott Howard Hoffman; SM-ANA; Key
Activist; OO: New York; Attn: Division 5; Demonstrations
in Connection with the Democratic National Convention; ARL;
Attn: Division 6," indicates that Hoffman appeared in Chicago
for trial on local charges on 1-28-69. It also indicates
that his wife was overheard to say that she and her husband
planned to depart Chicago that date, indicating a possible
disposition of the charges against Hoffman.

Include in your next report current information
regarding disposition of the above charges against Hoffman.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 1/28/69

CRIMINAL DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, AKA
ANTIRIOT LAWS**

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Re report of SA [redacted] dated 1/17/69
at Los Angeles.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a
letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning an article published
in the January 24-31, 1969 issue of "The Los Angeles Free
Press," pertaining to the interview of LAWRENCE LIPTON by the
FBI.

Enclosed for Chicago are four copies of same
LHM.

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

January 23, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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ABBOTT HOFFMAN,
ALSO KNOWN AS
ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN,
ABBIEY HOFFMAN,
ABBIEY Y. HOFFMAN
ANTI-RIOT LAWS

Attached herewith is a xerox copy of an article captioned "Lawrence Lipton and his Recorder Entertain Two FBI Agents," which, under the byline of Lawrence Lipton, appeared on page three of the January 24-31, 1969 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press" (an avant-garde underground newspaper published weekly in Los Angeles, California).

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Lawrence Lipton and his Recorder entertain two FBI Agents

LAWRENCE LIPTON

One of the yippies who had taken a prominent part in the Battle of Chicago "street theater" said to me when it was over, "Larry, the Establishment is a pushover."

I knew he DIDN'T mean that the punitive power of the Establishment had weakened to the point where it was a pushover, because he, like myself, had suffered from the militarized police power of the Establishment. What I understood him to mean was that the Establishment was (to him, at least) surprisingly vulnerable to the YIP kind of revolutionary activism. It was easy for me to see why he should have come to such a conclusion. As far back as February, if not earlier, Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago had panicked at the reports his advisors brought him—culled almost entirely from a few underground newspapers—that the yippies were planning to "take over the city" in August, during the Democratic convention. He scented an underground plot to challenge his long-held mafia-like dictatorship over Chicago and present him with such anarchistic demands as free speech, free assembly and due process of law!

He turned Chicago into an armed camp and—the rest is history.

But that was not the end of the

matter. It is still not the end of the matter, far from it. The FBI and God and J. Edgar Hoover only knows how many sleuths are now gumshoeing all over the country to try and build a case for conspiracy, incitement to riot and who knows what other heresies and blasphemies against the "outside agitators" who slipped into Chicago last August and plotted the overthrow of law and order.

A team of FBI operatives—they always travel in pairs, as in I Spy and Mission Impossible—came to pay me a visit (last Thursday, Jan. 16, for the record) in order to inquire what, if anything, I could tell them about one of the accused, Abbie Hoffman, in addition to the long distance telephone interview I had with him last August and which was reported in the Los Angeles Free Press. Since this is the second time in two months that my coverage of the Chicago events has figured in government investigations, it would seem that the Freep has become a kind of historical source book for the secret machinations of the political, social and cultural underground.

The sleuthsome twosome is as old as Don Quixote and Sancho Panza and Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. The FBI variation on the theme is a friendly smiling type who has only your rights and your welfare in mind, backed

up by a narrow-eyed menacing dragon type whose role it is to keep reminding you that you'd better co-operate with your FBI or else. This was a friendly visit, not an accusative one. There is an etiquette in handling this kind of a visitation. Here are a few pointers for the uninitiated.

It is not proper etiquette for FBI investigators to call up and make an appointment with you but to drop in on you uninvited at their own convenience, like door-to-door salesmen working their way through college. This leaves you at an initial disadvantage, but it isn't considered good etiquette to just point to the NO SOLICITING sign or to simply slam the door in their faces. In my case the door was wide open anyway, as it always is weather permitting, which is an open invitation from in front, so I just smiled back when one of them flashed an FBI badge and said, "Come in, gentlemen, and be seated." As I was having my breakfast I brought the bowl of cornflakes into the livingroom, continued to eat and said, "What can I do for you, gentlemen." I advise this response, unless, of course, you're partaking of something less legal than cornflakes at the moment and have to stall for time to legalize yourself (in which case it is inadvisable to leave the front door

wide open). My open door policy got us off to a good start.

A second point of etiquette is, answer all questions truthfully, especially if you have already answered all their questions in your books, your articles and your columns, on TV shows, on radio and in public speeches and university classes and lectures, in which case you simply refer them to same. Do not show too much surprise if their information about you and your views is a bit sketchy, in spite of the fact that they had a big fat secret FBI dossier on you that they could have consulted before setting out on their visit. Remember they're your guests and the rules of hospitality apply at all times, even to the uninvited fuzz. In fact, it turned out in my case that my visitors who were out digging up all the secret underground dope (metaphorically, that is) about Abbie Hoffman, were completely taken by surprise when I carelessly blurted out the fact that Abbie Hoffman had published a book about himself and all the secret plots of the yuppies weeks ago, and I detected a look of high interest—that Jack Webb look—when I dropped the name of the book!—**REVOLUTION FOR THE HELL OF IT.**

Since I had already let the cat out of the bag I thought I might as well sell out completely and

confess that I had written a review of Abbie's book and published it in the Freep the week before. Naturally they could not pass up a chance to nab such a prize of criminal investigative evidence, so I went to the secret files where I keep the Freep hidden away and gave them a copy of the review. They could have gotten a free copy of the book itself if they had thought to ask Abbie Hoffman, since he is giving it away free to everybody, even cops. But since I had already given away all my copies to reviewers I advised that they pick up a copy at any bookstore for \$1.95 and list it on the swindle-sheet. Anything with the word revolution on it will be considered well worth \$1.95 by the FBI accountant.

Now, about search and seizure. It is perfectly correct etiquette for your guests to get up and go browsing among your books. If one of them finds something of interest, say, a copy of an anthology in which there is an article called "I Ching," by Lawrence Lipton, do not hasten to reassure him that I Ching is not the name of a Jewish-Chinese communist named Isidore Ching, a fellow conspirator of Chairman Mao. That may come as so shocking a disappointment to him he may suspect you're holding out on him. And if he picks up a book

called "Police Power: Police abuses in New York City," and pointing to the title page asks you "Who is Pantheon," don't let on that he might be thinking it has something to do with the Panthers. Just tell him it is the name of the publisher and if he looks a little higher up on the page he will find the author's name, Paul Chavigny—which should be foreign-sounding enough to satisfy his fondest suspicions.

Whether you should offer your guests liquid refreshments is optional, but in my case it would have been ill-advised in view of the fact that I was being questioned as a friend, perhaps even a partisan, of Abbie Hoffman, and my guests had already alluded to the yippies' plot to spike the Chicago water reservoirs with LSD. So I confined myself to some brief bibliographical references to published writings in which I have disclosed such top secret documents of the revolution as essays and articles on the Holy Fool, black humor, the revolutionary use of laughter, ridicule, mockery, satire and sex, street theater, the politics of ecstasy and the psychedelic revolution, the subversive incantations of the C.N. and the ritual of the raising (or is it rising?) of the Pentagon, ending, an hour later, with the reassuring (to them, I hoped) recollection that the hippies had not attempted to raise the Chicago City Hall by exorcism but only contented themselves with nominating a pig for President—which might well have been accepted by Mayor Daley as a tribute to Chicago as, in the words of Chicago's late poet laureate Carl Sandburg, the "hog butcher of the world," and not, as Daley might have thought, a veiled reference to himself and to the Chicago police.

One last point of etiquette always begin by reminding your visitors of their civil rights and cautioning them that anything they say might be used against them. And—O yes—be sure to keep your guns, ammo, bazookas, plastic bombs and self-destruct tapes, microfilms and code books concealed under the family Bible, in order not to arouse their suspicions, and keep the conversation on a friendly basis. In my own case, not having a family Bible I introduced them to DUNHAB, my patron robot and Detector of Undesirable Habitudes, who entertained them without giving away the fact that in his secret electronic innards I keep my hash stashed away and my firearms concealed, as well as the tape recorder on which I recorded the tape on which this account of their visit is based. As DUNHAB always says: "Be kind to your flat-footed friends

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 2/10/69

CRIMINAL DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS**

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		CHARACTER OF CASE ARL b7c	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/18/68, at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will discuss with Assistant United States Attorney to obtain his opinion as to what further action, if any, is warranted.

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One copy of this report is being furnished New York as subject resides in New York City.

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All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General FRED M. VINSON, Jr., Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 2 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [REDACTED] **b7c**

Office: Chicago

Date: 2/6/69

Field Office File #: 176-28

Bureau File #: 176-34

Title: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

Character: ANTIRIOT LAW

Synopsis:

On 1/28/69, HOFFMAN was convicted on local charges of resisting arrest and sentenced to one year probation, with first 15 days to be served. HOFFMAN released on \$1000 appeal bond. HOFFMAN also found guilty of carrying a switchblade knife aboard aircraft and fined \$100. HOFFMAN released on \$250 appeal bond on this charge. Charge of disorderly conduct for having obscene word on forehead dismissed. University of Chicago student stated HOFFMAN claimed YIP has no leadership and he believes HOFFMAN has "given up on our society." He said leadership is alien to HOFFMAN's philosophy. THOMAS F. BUCKLEY, "New York Times" writer, declined interview. [REDACTED] had no specific information regarding HOFFMAN.

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DETAILS:

Arrest

On January 28, 1969, HOFFMAN appeared before Judge KENNETH R. WENDT, Cook County Court House, Chicago, Illinois. Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were also in attendance. b7c

HOFFMAN was convicted of resisting arrest and sentenced to one year probation, with first 15 days to be served in House of Correction, Chicago, Illinois. HOFFMAN was released on \$1000 appeal bond.

HOFFMAN was also found guilty on charge of carrying a switchblade knife aboard an aircraft and was fined \$100. He was released on \$250 appeal bond on this charge. The charge of disorderly conduct for having obscene word on forehead against HOFFMAN during the Democratic National Convention was dismissed.

HOFFMAN was given until March 18, 1969, to file Notice of Appeal.

HOFFMAN's wife was overheard to say they had arrived via American Air Lines on that date and they would depart Chicago, Illinois, via American Air Lines for New York City on that same date.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 17, 1968

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[REDACTED] voluntarily appeared at the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on December 16, 1968.

[REDACTED] for the "Chicago American," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, from early August, 1968, until September 30, 1968. [REDACTED] advised he had a two-fold assignment during this period, first, to "cover" the younger delegates to the Democratic Party's National Convention from the delegations representing California, New York, Wisconsin, and Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that his "coverage" of younger delegates to the Democratic National Convention consisted of attending the various open caucuses of the delegations he was assigned and interviewing these delegates, some of whom were personally known to him. [REDACTED] advised these younger delegates were generally in favor of the candidacy of Senator AUGUST J. MC CARTHY and his assignment was to determine if they would walk out of the convention if Vice-President HUMBERT H. MURPHY was the Democratic Party's nominee for President, or if they would take any other newsworthy act to show opposition to the expected nomination

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 12/17/68

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of HUMPHREY. [REDACTED] advised in addition to several caucuses prior to the Convention, he was in the Convention Hall during the evening sessions on August 27th and 28th, 1968, conducting spot interviews of various delegates.

[REDACTED] advised that he has not maintained any notes taken during the period he served [REDACTED] with the "Chicago American," inasmuch as he made frequent oral reports to the City Desk of the "Chicago American," and he did not write stories under his own by-line.

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[redacted] stated he feels DAVID DELLINGER is a throwback to the "Old Left," who is sincere in his public image as a "pacifist." [redacted] stated his only recollection of DELLINGER during or prior to the week of the Convention was DELLINGER's speech at Grant Park on the afternoon of August 28. [redacted] advised he considered DELLINGER to be a "dull speaker," and therefore recalls little of what DELLINGER said other than DELLINGER's attempt to organize a march to the Amphitheatre, site of the Democratic Party's National Convention. DELLINGER repeated several times that this would be a "peaceful, non-violent march." [redacted] advised that DELLINGER stated that, as an alternative to, those not wanting to participate in this march could remain by the Band Shell in Grant Park and depart when the crowd had cleared. [redacted] stated DELLINGER seemed to indicate this alternative should be taken by women and children.

As DELLINGER was giving these alternatives, another individual took the microphone and gave a third alternative. [redacted] stated he did not recognize this individual and did not understand the alternative outlined by him other than believing it had something to do with marching to or through the Loop area of Chicago. [redacted] stated that, at this time, people were "milling around" and some people were leaving the area giving him the impression the crowd was leaderless.

[redacted] stated the people intending to join in the "peaceful, non-violent march" organized by DELLINGER, gathered by a statue in Grant Park. [redacted] stated he feels the vast majority of people participating in this march believed they would not provoke violence, but very few felt that violence would not ensue. Approximately fifty people among these marchers were running around giving out dampened rags to use in the event tear gas was used against them, so he feels these marchers must have felt that it was a reasonable assumption that the Police would use tear gas against them.

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[REDACTED] stated that he believes JELLINGER's goal was to force a massive peaceful sit-in to "clog the political machine."

[REDACTED] stated he departed Grant Park prior to the outbreak of violence on the 28th to "cover" events on the convention floor.

[REDACTED] stated that he listened in on an interview of THOMAS HAYDEN sometime prior to Convention week at which time HAYDEN stated he hoped to "picket in front of various Chicago hotels to see if we can get the National Guard to emerge from their armories and get them to take up positions outside these hotels thereby showing the world that Democracy is dead in Chicago and that we are living in a Police State." [REDACTED] advised this is not a direct quote, but merely how he remembers HAYDEN outlining his goal for Convention week in Chicago. [REDACTED] added that the cover on "Newsweek" magazine following the Convention picturing Vice-President HUMPHREY behind a wall of bayonets would be exactly what HAYDEN hoped to achieve.

[REDACTED] stated HAYDEN had planned several disruptive, but not violent, activities for the Convention week including the following:

A huge demonstration (hopefully 15,00) by Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, which does research work in biological warfare, to protest this research work.

A sizable demonstration (hopefully several thousand) at the Chicago Office of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), to protest the activities of that organization.

A group of several hundred or more picket carrying, chanting individuals marching through downtown Chicago department stores on a general "peace" theme.

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██████████ stated the failure of these plans to materialize has led him to believe the events of Convention week in Chicago were largely spontaneous.

██████████ stated he never interviewed KENNIE DAVIS, but did observe him on several occasions and listened to him explain his ideas and on the basis of this feels DAVIS wants to achieve change within the existing social order and particularly peace in Viet Nam.

██████████ advised he did speak, during the week of the Convention, to CORINNA FALES, who described herself as Communications Director of the NMC. FALES stated the NMC, and she as a representative of it, was "here to convince all the disillusioned 'MC CARTHY kids' that the existing political structure is a fraud." FALES stated the NMC would "expose the hypocrisy of the political structure," and show that there was "no choice between (Vice-President HUBERT H.) HUMPHREY and (Republican Presidential Nominee RICHARD M) NIXON." ██████████ stated he does not recall that FALES gave any alternative to the existing political structure.

██████████ stated ABBY HOFFMAN in a discussion following the week of the Convention, in the office of JACK MABLEY, Associate Editor of the "Chicago American" termed the demonstrations during the week of the Convention in Chicago a "gigantic drama," "role playing" and claimed the Youth Independence Party (YIP) has no leadership and that the newsmedia just choose him to quote as a YIP leader. ██████████ stated leadership is alien to HOFFMAN's philosophy.

██████████ stated he believes HOFFMAN and JERRY RUBIN are individuals who have "given up on our society, people who don't care about money," and who "want to form a new society."

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████████ stated he did not witness any act of violence in connection with his "coverage" of the NMC either on the part of the police or on the part of the demonstrators. █████████ added that he also did not hear any individual urge others to commit acts of violence.

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Date 10/31/68

THOMAS F. BUCKLEY was contacted telephonically for purpose of making an appointment for an interview regarding his article which appeared in the "New York Times" Magazine on September 15, 1968, entitled "The Battle of Chicago: From the Yippee Side." He was advised that his article contained references to ABROBT HOFMAN, THOMAS EMMETT HAYDEN, JERRY CLYDE RUBIN, DAVID TYRE DELLINGER, RENNARD CORDON DAVIS and PAUL JAMES KRASSNER and we wanted to know what he knew personally about each.

BUCKLEY advised that he did not recall what information he had from personal knowledge and what he obtained from sources and research. He also advised that he felt that if anyone was to be prosecuted, it should be some of the Chicago Police. He advised that he did not feel that an interview would be productive.

On 10/31/68 at NY, NY File# NY 176 6
 by SA [REDACTED] RRR **67c** Date dictated 10/31/68

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Date December 23, 1968

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 [REDACTED] advised that he was in Chicago between August 23, 1968, and August 31, 1968, as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During this time he witnessed various demonstrations and confrontations with the Chicago Police.

[REDACTED] did not make notes concerning specific actions during this time. He can recall the overall tone of the demonstrations and confrontations but is unable to furnish specific information concerning individuals involved.

[REDACTED] recalls that he saw the following individuals at the demonstrations and confrontations in Chicago but is unable to give specifics concerning their actions or remarks made by them:

REHARD CORDON DAVIS
 DAVID TYEN BILLINGER
 RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY

THOMAS HAYDEN
 ABBOTT HOFFMAN
 JERRY CLYDE RUBIN

He does not know PAUL JAMES KRASSNER but recalls that he spoke at one of the demonstrations. He does not recall the specifics of the speech.

[REDACTED] concluded that from his observations in Chicago, he objected to the characterizing of the confrontations as "police riots" since he observed that action by the police was a result of undue provocation by the hippies.

[REDACTED] stated that he did not state to the press that he took personal notes concerning what took place in Chicago.

On 12/20/68 at Arlington, Virginia

File # WFO 176-9

by SA [REDACTED]

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Date dictated

12/23/68

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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TO: SAC, Los Angeles (176-19)

FROM: Director, FBI (176-34)

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, AKA
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
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DATE 1-27-82 BY SP3RQ/ptc

Re Chicago airtel to the Director dated 2/7/69
with copies to Los Angeles.

Los Angeles comply with the Department request
and immediately recontact Lipton for the purpose of obtaining
a copy of the tape of his conversation with subject. As
you were instructed in connection with the prior contact
with Lipton, he should be contacted by two mature, experienced
Agents thoroughly familiar with his background and he should
be advised he is being recontacted at the specific request
of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal
Division. If Lipton furnishes a copy of the tape as
requested, it should be submitted to the Bureau immediately
for forwarding to Department. If Lipton should for some
reason now refuse to furnish a copy of the tape, that fact
should be reported.

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NOTE:

At Department request, after Bureau approval, Lawrence Lipton, a beatnik poet of questionable background, was interviewed by Los Angeles concerning his alleged interview of subject regarding activities in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention.

When interviewed, Lipton advised his article reporting the interview was based on a tape made by him, which tape he retained and which would be made available by him if necessary.

Departmental Attorney in Chicago requested recontact of Lipton to obtain a copy of the above tape; request was discussed with Charles Brookhart, Criminal Division, on 2/10/69; Brookhart stated review of tape considered necessary to determine whether or not Lipton is to be subpoenaed. The request will be confirmed in writing.

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Date: 2/7/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (176-34)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (176-28) (P)
SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, aka
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Rerep SA [redacted] at Los Angeles, 1/17/69,
and Los Angeles LHM, 1/23/69.

Departmental Attorney ROGER CUBBAGE has requested
FBI obtain copy of the tape in the possession of LAWRENCE
LIPTON, "Los Angeles Free Press," regarding conversation
with HOFFMAN. It is noted that LIPTON has stated the tape
is available.

CUBBAGE advised he has taken into consideration the
information in referenced LHM.

Referenced LHM pertained to an article under byline
of LAWRENCE LIPTON which appeared in the 1/24-31/69, issue
of "Los Angeles Free Press;" (an avant-garde underground
newspaper published weekly in Los Angeles, California).
The article related LIPTON's version of an interview by FBI
Agents on 1/16/69, which was written in a satirical vein
and indicated LIPTON taperecorded the interview.

The Bureau is requested to authorize Los Angeles
to recontact LAWRENCE LIPTON to obtain the tape as requested
by CUBBAGE.

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per [redacted]

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge
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1Date 2/14/69

LAWRENCE L. LIPTON, 2311 Oakwood, Venice, California, telephone number EX 9-8245, was interviewed at his residence, at which time he furnished the following information:

Mr. LIPTON was asked if he would provide the tape recording concerning his telephonic interview of ABBOTT HOFFMAN immediately preceding the Democratic National Convention which he used to write his article in the Los Angeles Free Press captioned "Yippies to Visit Hog Capitol". Mr. LIPTON was agreeable to provide a copy of this tape. Utilizing a card index, LIPTON located the reel which contained the telephone interview of HOFFMAN along with numerous other interviews. In the presence of interviewing agents, LIPTON attempted to locate that part of the tape recording reel containing the interview of HOFFMAN. Mr. LIPTON could not locate that part of the reel containing the interview and surmised that it had been inadvertently erased by a subsequent interview.

SA [REDACTED] observed the container from which the reel had been removed. The label on this container reflected a notation, "Interview of ABBOTT HOFFMAN, 8/68." As the tape was reviewed, those interviews immediately preceding and following the pertinent interview were found to be noted on the container.

LIPTON re-iterated that his article in the Los Angeles Free Press captioned, "Yippies to Visit Hog Capitol", was complete as the tape recording and contained no additional information. He apologized for not having the tape as he had previously advised the interviewing agents.

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On 2/13/69 at Venice, California File # Los Angeles 176-19
 by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] /dmh Date dictated 2/13/69

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 3/17/69

CRIMINAL DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

ATT: MR. CHARLES BROOKHART

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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Reference is made to My memorandum dated 3/10/69
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There is enclosed one copy of the ~~REPORT OF SPECIAL~~
~~Agent~~ letterhead memorandum dated 3/14/69
at New York.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

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F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. 1 **Note: Information in the enclosed memorandum is being furnished in response to the request of Mr. Charles Brookhart of your Division on 3/5/69.**

1 cc Civil Rights Division

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 3/17/69

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
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1 cc Criminal Division

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ReBuairtel, 3/5/69, captioned, "DISTURBANCES ARISING
OUT OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION; ARL".

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM
regarding travel of the subject from 4/12/68 to 8/24/68.
Four copies of the LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

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With respect to the availability of sources and individuals set forth in the enclosed LHM as possible witnesses, the following is noted:

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With respect to the individuals who furnished information in the enclosed LHM, they are presumed to be available, but final determination will have to be made on an individual basis, as the occasion arises, by the Chicago Office.

The "At Random" television program, aired on May 12, 1968, Chicago, Illinois, was monitored by the Chicago Office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
March 14, 1969

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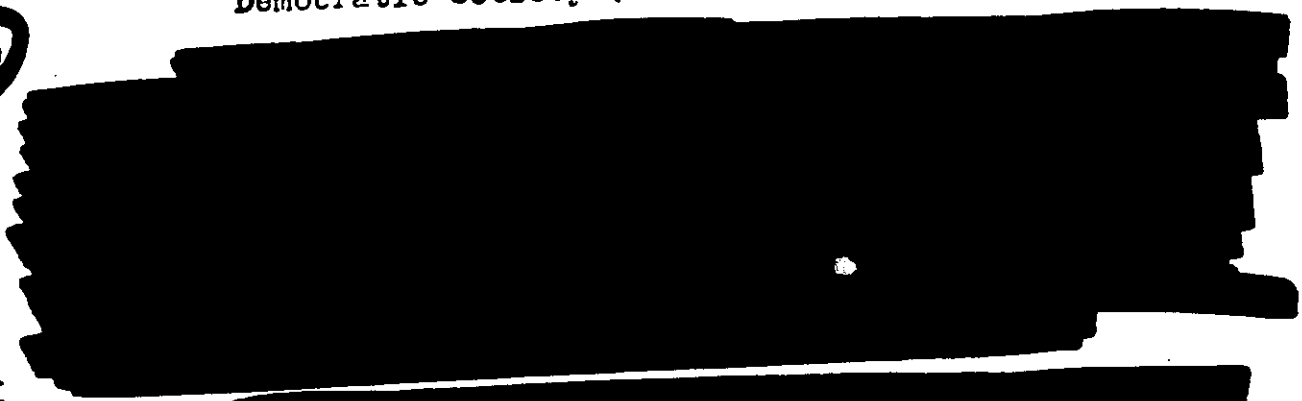
Re: Travel Outside Home Area
During Period April 12, 1968,
To August 24, 1968

"The Chicago Maroon", a University of Chicago student newspaper, in its April 30, 1968 issue, on page three, contained an article entitled, "SDS Teach-in to Question Electoral Politics".

In this article, "Abbott Hoffman, leader of the 'Yippies'", was listed as one of the speakers at the planned teach-in.

A characterization of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) is attached hereto.

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that the SDS sponsored a teach-in on the Rockefeller Chapel lawn, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, on May 10, 1968.

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[REDACTED] that Abner Hoffman, a Yippie leader, participated in the teach-in.

On the evening of May 12, 1968, the "At Random" television program was aired on CBS - TV, Channel 2, Chicago, Illinois, with Moderator John Madigan. Among the participants on Part Two of this program was Abbie Hoffman, who identified himself as a representative of the YIP who was in Chicago for a teach-in.

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The August 5, 1968, issue of the "Chicago American", a Chicago daily newspaper, on page three, column one, contained an article reflecting that Abbie Hoffman "made fools of the television reporters". Hoffman stood on La Salle Street near Chicago Avenue, at noon on August 4, 1968, and stated, "We'll have a hundred thousand hippies here for our life festival".

(67C) David E. Stahl, Deputy Mayor of the City of Chicago, Room 507, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois, advised SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 8, 1968, that he met with Abbie Hoffman and four other individuals on August 7, 1968. These individuals stated they planned to have a "Festival of Life" in Chicago and that they wanted 24 hour access to Chicago public parks. They said the festival would include training classes in defense against the police August 20-24, 1968. They stated the Chicago government is a "hostile system"; they "don't like Chicago" and they would "come prepared to fight and die in Lincoln Park and tear up the town and the Convention." Abbie Hoffman stated, "If you were smart, you'd give us \$100,000 to not hold the festival. We'll get out of town."

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The August 16, 1968 issue of the "East Village Other", a New York City weekly newspaper, on pages three and four, sets forth an article entitled, "Pig Butcher", which sets forth the Yippies' schedule for the Democratic Convention and then states that Abbie Hoffman, who is in Chicago, believes that the Yippies have the best chance of being permitted in Lincoln Park.

The August 16-22, 1968, issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press", published in Los Angeles, California, on page seven, sets forth an article written by Lawrence Lipton entitled, "Yippies to Visit Hog Capitol", wherein Lipton

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stated that according to a telephone conversation he had with Abbie Hoffman, who, with others, proposed the idea of the Yippie Festival of Life scheduled for August 25-30, 1968, in Chicago and are acting as coordinators, the plan was to go forward with the festival as it was first announced.

The article then sets forth a transcript of Lipton's telephone conversation with Hoffman concerning the schedule of events for the festival.

SA [redacted] advised [redacted] on October 4, 1968, that prior to and during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, he was assigned to the Intelligence Division of the Chicago Police Department.

[redacted] stated he observed Abbott Hoffman and another individual make a speech at a Lincoln Park rally approximately one week prior to the Convention. These speeches were directed toward the marshals who were apparently indoctrinating and training these marshals to handle themselves during the Convention.

On September 6, 1968, Abbott Hoffman advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] that about five days before the convention, he was advised that his Chicago group never received a permit to use Grant Park; that thereafter, the application for a permit had been withdrawn. Hoffman stated that he then decided to go to Chicago to see what he could do to get a park permit; that he then flew to Chicago on a student rate fare and met immediately with Deputy Mayor Stahl and others in a last ditch stand to try to get Grant Park for the demonstrations.

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[redacted] WIND Radio Station, 400 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] on September 25, 1968, that on August 21, 1968, he was in Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois, where approximately 20 to 30 persons were sitting on the

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grass in a group. Abbe Hoffman was squatting in front of this group acting as a lecturer or briefing spokesman. Hoffman told [REDACTED] he was holding a briefing session to discuss plans and methods of disrupting the coming Democratic National Convention.

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[REDACTED] Radio Station WIND, 400 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 23, 1968, that during his interview with Hoffman on August 21, 1968, the only question he recalled asking Hoffman was if he, Hoffman, thought any one would be hurt or killed in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention. [REDACTED] stated he could not recall the exact answer given by Hoffman.

[REDACTED] WIND, 400 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] on September 24, 1968, that his radio station has on file radio taped comments made on August 21, 1968, by Abbe Hoffman to WIND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated the the original tape would be maintained at his office and would be made available without a subpoena for any possible evidentiary purposes.

The August 23, 1968 edition of the "Chicago Tribune", a Chicago daily newspaper, on page five, column five, section twelve, contained an article stating that on August 22, 1968, Judge William J. Lynch of the Federal District Court agreed to dismiss a suit filed by the YIP which was to force the Park District to grant a permit for thousands of Yippies to come to the park during the convention.

According to this article, Abbie Hoffman of New York City, a Yippie spokesman, said the group requested the suit be dropped because "we have lost faith in the Judicial System and the Park District has failed to give us an answer on the permit."

Hoffman stated the Yippies and National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam demonstrators intended

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to use the park with or without a permit and that many Yippies have been expressing their opinions without interference of the police.

[redacted] Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, United States Army, Evanston, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] on September 27, 1968, that on August 22 and 23, 1968, he was in Lincoln Park and he observed the training of persons in anticipation of police reaction to demonstrations during the convention week. Of the persons seen, the only one specifically known to [redacted] was Abbie Hoffman. b6, b7c

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on October 28, 1968, that he first saw Abbott Hoffman at Lincoln Park on August 22, 1968, or August 23, 1968. b4
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[redacted] Chicago Police Department, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on October 4, 1968, that he recalled shooting motion pictures of Abbe Hoffman in front of the Chicago Police Department located at 11th Street and State, Chicago, Illinois, on August 23, 1968, the same day that a Yippie group released a pig in the Civic Center in downtown Chicago. Hoffman appeared at the Police Department in order to protest the arrest of various people who had released the pig. b6, b7

[redacted] Special Agent, Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, 2231 West Howard Street, Evanston, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] on September 26, 1968, that while on duty at Lincoln Park, he frequently saw an individual he identified from a photograph as Abbott Hoffman, beginning on August 23 or 24, 1968. During this period, Hoffman was primarily engaged in making statements to the press and organizing with groups of leaders of the demonstrators. Hoffman was likewise engaged in addressing smaller groups of demonstrators in Lincoln Park, telling them the plans for the day. b6, b7
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APPENDIX1.STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anti-Communist proviso was removed from the SDS Constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some Communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of April 18, 1967, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

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CRIMINAL DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

ATT: MR. CHARLES BROOKHART

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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TO : Assistant Attorney General
FROM : **CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**
Director, FBI
SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN**
ANTIRIOT LAWS

DATE: 3/27/69

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DATE 1/27/82 BY SP5R/p/k

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Reference is made to NY memorandum dated 3/17/69
(your file _____).

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Agent letterhead memorandum dated 3/25/69
at New York.

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Date: 3/25/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (176-34) *see destroyed*
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3/27/69
 SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, aka *3-1-1000*
 (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
 ARL
 (OO:CHICAGO)

ReNYtel, 3/24/69, captioned, "DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, ARL".

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve (12) copies of an LHM regarding the arrest of the subject by the NYCPD on 3/23/69. Five copies of the LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

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[redacted] of the BSS of the NYCPD furnished the information concerning the arrest of the subject, on 3/23/69, to SA [redacted]

The "At Random" television program, aired 5/12/68, in Chicago, Illinois, was monitored by the Chicago Office.

- 4- Bureau (Encls 12) (RM) *ENCLOSURE*
- (1-100-449923) (ABBOTT HOFFMAN)
- 3- Chicago (176-28) (Encls 5) (RM) *REC-124*
- (1-100-45292) (ABBOTT HOFFMAN) *TT-15*
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Special Agent in Charge
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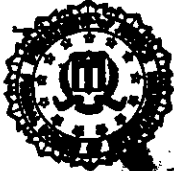
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The files of the NYO contain no information identifiable with CLYDE PITTS, STEPHEN MULLEN, LARRY JAKUBOSKY or ISAAC LIPKOWITZ.

The files of the NYO reflect that CHARLES ANTHONY was the subject of an ITSMV, JDA case, Bufile 26-388845, NYfile 26-44916, in which prosecution was declined. This file also reflects that CHARLES ANTHONY at the age 16 was arrested along with 23 other youths for possessing and selling marijuana by the Nassau County, NY Narcotics Bureau, 2/8/68, according to the 2/8/68 issue of "The New York Times".

The NYO will follow court proceedings concerning ABBOTT HOFFMAN.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
March 25, 1969

Bureau 176-34
New York 176-6

Abbott H. Hoffman
Anti-Riot Laws

A representative of the Bureau of Special Services (BSS) of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) advised on March 24, 1969, that at 2:45 AM on March 23, 1969, a neighbor complained to the NYCPD that some people were "shooting up" in an apartment located at 333 East 5th Street, New York City.

Detectives of the Ninth Squad of the NYCPD responded and in Apartments A-4 and F-3 at that address found five males and a quantity of suspected heroine and hypodermic needles. In Apartment A-4 they also uncovered three weapons and a quantity of ammunition. The five males were placed under arrest and charged with illegal possession of weapons and/or narcotics.

Shortly after the above arrests, Abbott Hoffman appeared at the Ninth Precinct of the NYCPD located on East 5th Street, New York City, to complain about police being in his Apartment, A-4, at 333 East 5th Street, New York City. Hoffman stated that he rents Apartment A-4 at 333 East 5th Street, New York City, for use as his office.

Shortly after Hoffman's appearance at the Ninth Precinct, he was placed under arrest and charged with illegal possession of the weapons found in Apartment A-4 at 333 East 5th Street, New York City.

According to the representative of the BSS of the NYCPD, the following weapons and narcotics were found by the police in Apartment A-4 at 333 East 5th Street, New York City:

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ENCLOSURE

Abbot, H. Hoffman

- 1 Colt .45 automatic, serial number 327072C.
- 1 Walther PTK9 millimeter automatic with 10 inch barrel, serial number 129997.
- 1 Japanese Luger, serial number 2525.
- 1 Blackjack.
- 1 Folding knife.
- 4 empty cartridge clips for the Colt .45 automatic.
- 20 rounds of .45 caliber ammunition.
- 6 .32 caliber cartridges, which fit the Japanese Luger.
- 1 holster for the Colt .45 automatic.
- 2 Glassine bags of suspected heroine.
- 1 bottle cap for cooking.
- 1 Hypodermic needle.
- 1 blue bag.

According to the representative of the BSS of the NYCPD, Clyde Pitts, a white male, date of birth May 7, 1949, place of birth Gadsden, Alabama, occupation writer, address 333 East 5th Street, Apartment A-4, was arrested in Apartment A-4 and was charged with illegal possession of weapons and narcotics.

According to the representative of the BSS of the NYCPD, the following individuals were charged with illegal possession of narcotics:

Abbott H. Hoffman

Stephen Mullen, a white male, date of birth September 12, 1948, place of birth Bronx, New York, occupation musician, address 333 East 5th Street, Apartment F-3, who was arrested in Apartment A-4.

Larry Jakubosky, a white male, date of birth July 9, 1946, place of birth Brooklyn, New York, occupation interior decorator, address 8015 Jamaica Avenue, Queens, New York, who was arrested in Apartment A-4.

Charles Anthony, a white male, date of birth June 8, 1951, place of birth Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, occupation unemployed, address 26 Guilford Road, Port Washington, New York, who was arrested in Apartment F-3.

Isaac Lipkowitz, a white male, date of birth July 26, 1947, place of birth Brooklyn, New York, occupation laborer, address 200 East 74th Street, New York City, Apartment 15C, who was arrested in Apartment F-3.

According to the representative of the BSS of the NYCPD, Abbott Hoffman was released on \$100 cash bail for a hearing on April 7, 1969.

On the evenings of May 11 and 12, 1968, the "At Random" television program was aired on the Columbia Broadcasting System Television (CBS-TV), Channel Two, Chicago, Illinois, with Moderator John Madigon. Among the participants on part two of these programs was Abbie Hoffman, who identified himself as a representative of the Youth International Party (YIP). During the ensuing discussion, Hoffman was asked if he was in favor of the overthrow of the United States (US) Government by the Moderator and Hoffman replied that he was in favor of the overthrow of the US Government by any means possible.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 3/10/69

FROM : **CRIMINAL DIVISION**
Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN**
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 3/10/69

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN**
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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REPORTING OFFICE BUFFALO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 3/6/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/3/69
TITLE OF CASE ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, aka (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY :CBW
		CHARACTER OF CASE ARL	ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 12-22-82 BY SP-8/VE

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REFERENCES: New York airtel to Bureau, dated 2/24/69.
Chicago airtel to Bureau, dated 2/27/69.
Both communications are captioned "DIS-
TURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL CONVENTION."

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ADMINISTRATIVE

An information copy is designated for New York, since that Office has conducted investigation in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 2/17/69

CRIMINAL DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS**

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1-27-82 [Signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 2/17/69

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 2/14/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/13 - 14/69
TITLE OF CASE ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN		REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	TYPED BY dmh
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RIOT LAWS	

REFERENCES: Chicago airtel to Director dated 2/7/69.
Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 2/11/69.

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LAWRENCE L. LIPTON, when interviewed, was advised he was being interviewed at the specific request of FRED M. VINSON, JR., Assistant Attorney General's Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: Los Angeles

Date: 2/14/69

Field Office File #: 176-19

Bureau File #:

Title: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

Character: ANTI-RIOT LAWS

Synopsis: LAWRENCE L. LIPTON reinterviewed on 2/13/69 at Venice, California, in effort to obtain a copy of a tape recording in his possession which reflected a telephonic interview with subject HOFFMAN. However, examination of pertinent reel reflected conversation not available and possibly inadvertently erased.

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DETAILS

By communication dated February 7, 1969, the Chicago Office advised that Departmental Attorney ROGER CUBBAGE requested the FBI at Los Angeles obtain a copy of a tape in possession of LAWRENCE LIPTON of the "Los Angeles Free Press" which reflected a conversation between HOFFMAN and Mr. LIPTON.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of:

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Office: Buffalo, New York

Date:

3/6/69

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

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Title:

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)

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Character:

ANTI-RIOT LAWS

Synopsis:

Subject HOFFMAN present on campus of State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y., for symposium on drugs held 2/27/69 through 3/1/69, but delivered no formal address and spent his time talking with small groups of persons who were present.

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Details:

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

"The Spectrum," an official publication of the State University of New York at Buffalo (SUNYAB), in its February 14, 1969 issue on Page 4, carried an article entitled "Drug Symposium Starts Thursday," which stated that drug symposium would be held at the University from February 27, 1969 through March 1, 1969, and that on March 1, 1969 at 1:00 P.M. in the Fillmore Room of Norton Hall, ABBOTT HOFFMAN and

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JERRY RUBIN would participate in a session on "New Worlds of Our Making, Presentations and Discussion."

An article in the "Courier Express," a daily newspaper published at Buffalo, New York, edition of March 2, 1969, written by reporter JOHN PAULY, reflects that "Yippie" leaders ABBIE HOFFMAN and JERRY RUBIN were on hand for a session of the drug symposium at the University of Buffalo on Saturday (March 1, 1969).



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Yippie Leader Raps 2d Arrest

By EDWARD BENES and LESTER ABELMAN

Yippie leader Abbie Hoffman, 32, under indictment for conspiracy to riot during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago last summer, was arrested early yesterday on a gun charge after a police raid on an office he rents on the lower East Side, only five doors from the E. Fifth St. station.

Hoffman charged that his arrest stemmed from a "police setup."

"It is totally inconceivable that a person in my position would hide an arsenal of guns and dope a couple of houses away from a police station," he told newsmen.

Five Others Arrested

Five other men were arrested in the raid on the combined office-apartment on the ground floor of a five-story tenement at 333 E. Fifth St.

A sign outside the flat read: "Real World Hallucinations, Inc."

Police said that at 2:30 a.m., an unidentified man came into the police station and tipped them off about the guns and narcotics. Detectives Barry Levine, Vincent Maresca and Sam Pulley walked to the flat, where they found Stephen Mullen, 20, Larry Jacobosky, 22, and Clyde Pitts, 19. They said Pitts was handling a loaded .45-caliber Colt revolver.

Guns Confiscated

Police said they confiscated a 9-mm. German Luger, a .32 Japanese automatic and two glassine envelopes allegedly containing heroin.

Mullen, who said he was an unemployed musician, said he lived on the floor above. In his flat, detectives found Isaac Lipkowitz, 21, and Charles Anthony, 17. They said they also found two syringes and a small quantity of marijuana.

The five were taken to the police station. One of them called Hoffman, who was asleep in his apartment at 114 E. 13th St. and

he hurried over to find out what it was all about.

When he admitted he was responsible for the office-apartment, he was arrested.

"What, again?" he asked.

Calls It Harassment

At the arraignment before Judge Murray Koenig in Criminal Court, Hoffman's lawyer, Gerald Lefcourt, called the arrest an "illegal harassment."

"If the prisoner were not Abbie Hoffman, no arrest would have been made, he said.

Hoffman was released in \$100 cash bond for a hearing April 7.

Hearing Set for May 8

Pitts was released in \$100 cash bond for a hearing May 8 on a weapons violation charge. A narcotics charge was dismissed. Mullen was paroled for a hearing May 8 on a narcotics charge. Narcotics charges against Lipkowitz, of 200 E. 74th St., Jacobosky, of 80-15 Jamaica Ave., Woodhaven, Queens, and Anthony, of 26 Guilford Rd., Port Washington, L.I., were dismissed.

Pitts said he lived in Mullen's flat.

A dozen yippies were arraigned before Koenig on disorderly conduct and harassment charges stemming from midtown demonstrations Saturday night. Charges against three girls were dismissed.

Six men were paroled and three others were held in \$50 cash bond or \$500 bail each for hearings next Monday and April 28.

Arthur Turco, a lawyer for one of the defendants, said he would go to the district attorney's office to press charges of police brutality during the demonstration.

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Abbie Hoffman (right) leaves court with attorney, Gerald Lefcourt.
NEWS photo by Frank Hurley

FBI

Date: 3/26/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-17985) (P)
SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOFFMAN, aka.
Rio Grande College
Rio Grande, Ohio
3/17/69
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(OO: Cincinnati)

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Re Cincinnati teletype to the Bureau 3/18/69,
captioned "ABBOTT HOFFMAN, aka. Abbie Hoffman, SM-ANA
(KEY ACTIVIST)."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of a LHM
concerning the appearance of the subject on the campus
of Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio, on 3/17/69, and the
subsequent unrest.

Enclosed for New York are two copies of the same LHM.

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Dissemination of the LHM was made locally to

- 3-Bureau (Enc. 10) (RM)
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 - (2-100-17985)
 - (2-100-) (RONALD LEE BURGER)
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Special Agent in Charge

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the 109th MI Group, Columbus, Ohio, NISO, Columbus, Ohio, Secret Service Columbus, Ohio, and OSI, WPAFB, Ohio

No investigation will be conducted regarding the "Young Democrats", which organization sponsored the appearance of HOFFMAN, as [REDACTED] advised they are a legitimate campus organization which was formed by students during the 1968 National Elections to support the Democratic Party candidates during a mock election conducted on the campus. [REDACTED] believes this organization was merely used as a means to secure HOFFMAN's appearance on campus and does not espouse HOFFMAN's beliefs, and, in fact, has little active membership or campus activity at this time. **6781**

Cincinnati Office received from Station WJEH, Gallipolis, Ohio, a tape recording of HOFFMAN's speech made on 3/18/69, at Rio Grande College. A copy was made of that recording and when it has been completely transcribed, the transcription will be forwarded to the Bureau for dissemination.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Cincinnati, Ohio
March 24, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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DATE 1-27-82 BY SA [redacted]/rta

ABBOTT HOFFMAN, aka.
Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio

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Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that on March 17, 1967, one Abbie Hoffman spoke in the Community Hall auditorium on the campus of Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio. Hoffman was identified as a leader in the Youth International Party (Yippies). Hoffman was to speak on the subject of "Administrative Tyranny", but his speech rapidly grew into an obscene denunciation of police. Hoffman supplemented his remarks with a movie of the riots which took place during the 1968 Democratic National Convention at Chicago, Illinois, into which was spliced film strips of the "Keystone Cops." Hoffman also spoke of police brutality and illustrated his talk by smashing eggs and gourds. During the showing of the movie, he would call out "pig" upon the appearance of a police officer and his followers would echo the cry. The speech was attended by approximately 400 persons, including students, faculty, and their wives. Also speaking at the same time were Eugene Stewart Newman, an instructor in Sociology at Rio Grande College, and Ronald L. Burgher, a former instructor in speech at Rio Grande College.

Hoffman's appearance was sponsored by the "Young Democrats", a legitimate campus organization formed prior to the 1968 National Elections. Hoffman was physically brought to the campus by Ronald Burgher from the Antioch College campus at Yellow Springs, Ohio. After the speech, Hoffman was believed to have gone to the apartment of Eugene Stewart Newman, but has not been seen since then on the Rio Grande College campus.

Hoffman was brought to Rio Grande College in support of William N. Christopher, an Assistant Professor of English, whose contract was not to be renewed. His cause was taken up by Purgher and Newman with the support of other students.

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advised a Special Agent of the FBI that although some student ^{UNCLAS} arrests continue, the situation is not riotous. He stated that no buildings were seized and no property was destroyed, but the demonstration was regarded as "illegal" by college officials and approximately 40 students were suspended as a result. He noted that the suspensions are being reconsidered and many may be rescinded. He advised that not all of the suspended students were actively involved and that not all of those involved were suspended. He advised he considers the principal activists on the Rio Grande College campus to be Steve Troyanovich, Mike Tanner, Vicky Brown, Ken Arnold, Mike Graham, and Cathy Graham. He stated that ~~Ken~~ Arnold threw himself upon the hood of the Gallia County Sheriff's car after the arrest of Burgher and Troyanovich and noted that Mike Graham is president of the student body. Cathy Graham is the wife of Mike Graham and she insisted her name be included among those students who were suspended. Mike Graham was unable to participate in the demonstration as he was in a meeting with college officials concerning the demonstration.

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he believes another student, Doug Ebbett, is also one of the rebellious students. He stated Ebbett apparently comes from a wealthy family as he appears to have more than sufficient funds. He maintains an apartment above the "Last Chance" tavern located just within the Gallipolis City limits on State Route 160. He is very friendly with Troyanovich and Burgher.

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Additionally, by way of background information, William Christopher, age about 30, has a Master of Arts Degree from Vanderbilt University. He did his undergraduate work at Dartmouth College and was awarded a BA Degree in 1959. He taught at General Beadle State Teachers College, Madison, South Dakota, but became involved with a female student and was

ABBOTT HOFFMAN, aka., Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio

dismissed. He subsequently married this girl and she is his second wife. Ronald Burgher presently resides in Columbus, Ohio, with his wife and child. He no longer teaches, but is attending Ohio State University working toward his Doctorate. He apparently has an intense dislike for Rio Grande College President Alphas R. Christensen. Eugene Newman has been suspended from his position as instructor in Sociology. It was noted he claimed to have appeared in Federal Court in the State of California regarding a Selective Service law violation on February 28, 1969, and was acquitted. Whether or not he ^{received} a new contract at Rio Grande College will depend upon the outcome of this matter and his earning his Masters Degree.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (100-17985) (P)

SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOFFMAN, Aka.,
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Rio Grande, Ohio
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Remyairtel, 3/26/69.

The following corrections should be noted on the LHM submitted as an enclosure to the referenced communication:

Page 1 - last paragraph, line 3:
last word should be "trespassing";

Page 2 - Paragraph 2, line 3,
second word should be "unrest";

Page 2 - Paragraph 2, line 14,
first word should be "KEN";

Page 3 - Line 11, Seventh Word,
"receives".

Cincinnati will advise agencies to whom dissemination was made locally, Cincinnati copies have been corrected accordingly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 4/9/69

CRIMINAL DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 4/9/69

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (176-34)
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694-B [redacted]
4/9/69*

*5 - pages
1 - interview
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ReNYairtel, 3/25/69, in captioned matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM regarding subject's appearance in the Criminal Court of the City of New York on 4/7/69. Five copies of the LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

SA [redacted] observed the subject at the Criminal Court of the City of New York on 4/7/69, and also obtained the information from [redacted] on 4/7/69.

The "At Random" television program, aired 5/12/68, in Chicago, Illinois, was monitored by the Chicago Office.

SAS [redacted] and [redacted] obtained the NECLC news release on 9/27/68.

The NYO will follow court proceedings concerning ABBOTT HOFFMAN.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

April 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau 175-34
New York 175-6

Abbott H. Hoffman
Anti-Riot Laws

Reference is made to New York memorandum dated March 25, 1969.

On April 7, 1969, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Abbott Hoffman and subsequently his attorney, Gerald Lefcourt, enter part 1B1 of the Criminal Court of the City of New York, Room 219, 100 Centre Street, New York City, where Hoffman was scheduled to appear before the court for a hearing in connection with his having been arrested by the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) on March 23, 1969, on charge of illegal possession of weapons.

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[REDACTED] NYCPD, who arrested Hoffman on the aforementioned charge on March 23, 1969, advised on April 7, 1969, that Hoffman's case had been continued and would be tried on May 14, 1969, in part 2B1 of the court in connection with this charge. [REDACTED] further advised that Hoffman was continued on \$100 bail.

On the evenings of May 11 and 12, 1968, the "At Random" television program was aired on the Columbia Broadcasting System Television (CBS-TV), Channel Two, Chicago, Illinois, with Moderator John Madigon. Among the participants on part two of these programs was Abbie Hoffman, who identified himself as a representative of the Youth International Party (YIP). During the ensuing discussion, Hoffman was asked if he was in favor of the overthrow of the United States (US) Government by the Moderator and Hoffman replied that he was in favor of the overthrow of the US Government by any means possible.

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September 27, 1968, SAS of the FBI obtained a copy of a National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (NECLC) news release dated September 25, 1968. This news release indicates that Gerald Lefcourt is affiliated with the National Lawyers Guild (NLG).

Characterizations of the NECLC and NLG are attached hereto.

APPENDIX

1.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES
COMMITTEE, Formerly Known As
Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

"1. 'The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. * * * The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material.'

'FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the Party. Summoned at that time to answer the allegation, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock reply to questions

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NATIONAL EMERGENCY CIVIL
LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. * * * WILKINSON has since been convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in jail.'

'Disputing the non-Communist claim of the organization, the committee finds that a number of other individuals connected with the ECIC also have been identified under oath as Communists.* * *'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, pp. 34 and 35.)

"2. 'To defend the cases of Communist law-breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

"The New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, in its April 1, 1968, issue, page 13, contained an item captioned, "Draft Dissenters to Get More Help", which related that at a news conference held by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) on the previous day, it was announced that the organization was changing its name to the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (NECLC) "to reflect our determination to develop a vital national civil liberties organization in all 50 states as rapidly as possible."

67D [REDACTED] that the
NECLC is located at 25 East 26th Street, New York City.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

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"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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11:42 PM URGENT 4/15/69 BLH

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND NEW YORK

FROM INDIANAPOLIS

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, AKA. ABBY DIGGER, FREE, ABBE HOFFMAN, ABBEY HOFFMAN, UBBIE HOFFMAN, ABBOTT HOFFMAN, ABBY HOFFMAN, ABNER HOFFMAN;

SM-ANA (KEY ACTIVIST) (OO: NYO); ARL (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT) (OO:CG)

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO, NEW YORK TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS, APRIL FIFTEEN INSTANT, AND BUREAU TEL, APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, CAPTIONED DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, ARL; OO CHICAGO.

FOR INGO NYO, RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL ADVISED SUBJECT TO HAVE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE, RENSSELAER, IND, NINE PM, CST, TODAY. SUBJECT ARRIVED PURDUE AIRPORT, LAFAYETTE, IND., TWO FIFTYFIVE PM, TODAY, WAS TRANSPORTED TO RENSSELAER, IND., IN PRIVATE STUDENT VEHICLE. ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR SUBJECT TO RETURN TO LAFAYETTE, AT APPROX. ONE THIRTY AM, EST, APRIL SIXTEEN, NEXT, AND TO BE LODGED AT HOLIDAY INN, LAFAYETTE. SUBJECT WOULD DEPART LAFAYETTE VIA ALLEGHENY AIRLINES FOR CHICAGO, TWELVE FORTYTWO PM, APRIL SIXTEEN NEXT.

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NO OTHER INFO AVAILABLE.

CHICAGO HANDLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REBUTEL,
LHM FOLLOWS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CC-MR. ROSEN


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TO SAC INDIANAPOLIS
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (176-34)-64

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ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, AKA, (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT), ARL,

OO: CG.

REIPEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND NEW YORK DATED
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NOTE: Department has requested coverage of public statements by eight subjects indicted by Federal Grand Jury in Chicago on 3/20/69 relating to violence in Chicago during Democratic National Convention.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 4/16/69

CRIMINAL DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI (176-34)

ATTN: MR. CHARLES BROOKHART

SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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TO DIRECTOR 176-34
FROM INDIANAPOLIS 176-NEW

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ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, AKA., SM - ANA (KEY ACTIVIST), OO - NEW YORK;
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FBI NEW YORK

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TO DIRECTOR 176-34, 100-449923, CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, PHILADELPHIA (PLAIN)

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ABNER HOFFMAN; SM-ANA (KEY ACTIVIST), (OO: NY); ARL (PRINCIPAL
SUBJECT), (OO: CG).

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THIRTY SIX; POB, WORCESTER, MASS., HEIGHT,
FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, WEIGHT, ONE THIRTY FIVE; HAIR, BROWN (LONG,
CURLY); BUILD, THIN; EYES, BROWN; COMPLEXION, SWARTHY;
PECULIARITIES, LARGE PROMINENT NOSE.

IN ORDER TO COORDINATE THE ARL AND SM-ANA INVESTIGATIONS
OF SUBJECT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD FURNISH SUITABLE COPIES OF THE
RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATIONS IN THE ARL MATTER TO THE BUREAU
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
FROM : Director, FBI (176-34)
SUBJECT: ⁶ ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ANTIRIOT LAWS

DATE: 4/18/69

ATTN: MR. CHARLES BROOKHART

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Reference is made to My memorandum dated 4/16/69
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the ~~report of Special Agent~~ letterhead memorandum dated 4/10/69
at Cincinnati and one copy of the letterhead memo dated 4/15/69
at New York.

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*1 cc of CI Ltr to Jonathan Smith,
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CRIMINAL DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI (176-34)

ATTENTION: MR. CHARLES BROOKHART

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The Conspiracy spent two days in Berkeley last week and headed plans to start the nation.

Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Dave Dellinger, Tom Hayden, Bobo by Seale and John Finklea who were indicted by Little Dick's Nixon and Daley for conspiracy meet in a fashionable Ashby Ave crash pad, along with a string of co-conspirators (and they were not the individuals listed in the wide-ranging campaign.

The group will sell itself 'The Conspiracy' and invite all the same-bioses students of hope to join it. A tribal alliance of the Chicago Conspiracy, The Oakland 7 and the Black Panthers will travel around the country peddling to the reality and signing up volunteers. The Conspiracy hopes to be based of thousands strong in the streets of Chicago during the trial, which, like government doesn't see the clear light, will take place about a year from now.

The Conspirators were like one head in Berkeley. Now if them wanted to burn it into a feeling-of-60s-the support campaign. They knew the pigs love defiance campaigns where everyone stops creating and starts crying. It's clear the movement lost out in the Aldges when under McCarthya's leadership they were underground and abandoned through press-conferencess-to-jail.

The Conspiracy will turn the attack into our own style. The offensive. Not a single campus, phone or dropout center will go unscrubbed and unharmed. If the pigs think the indicators will show down increase traffic in revolution they have a surprise coming up on Highway 61. Allied with Panthers, Yippies and merry mad-lers heading traffic laws and in a big hurry to hatch another conspiracy-expanding coalition.

Abbie Hoffman says that he may move further National Headquarters to Chicago and turn on Chicago.

of Hoffman's Party's Concentration Camp) to wait the pigs are trying to pull off down at the courthouse. The Panther chapter in Chicago is one of the Party's strongest and the Mayor's favorite. Nixon expect to see them interesting un-dermined through her Church of the Blessed Maria Daughters.

The Conspiracy will be represented in court by a team of three headed up by the Honorable Charles R. Garry who is starting to step into Clarence Darrow's fighting mouth. Even as psychotic a counter of the apocalypse as IBJ knew better than to push these indictments but Richard Nixon cannot forget his youthful triumphs. It was Nixon who put Alger Hiss in jail and carried the State Department of "Communists". Through this triumph he became Eisenhower's child bride; it was the one success of his adult life.

I think Nixon dreams he can do it again—that kicking our ass is a simple matter of just doing it. He is in for a maddening surprise.—The Conspiracy caravans are in motion, its prophecies fulfilled. It has little White House of sterility Richard Nixon will come to see the San Andreas fault as part of our conspiracy quivering beneath his feet.

CHICAGO COURT

CHICAGO (WB) — The people of Chicago (and their shift legs) her Wednesday when they welcomed the eight people indicted for conspiracy back to Daley's town. Over 600 people packed the Federal Building as pleas of "not guilty" were heard from Tom Hayden, Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Bobby Seale, and others. Only about 70 people actually got into the courtroom, 400 more filled

ed in the courtyard below, and 200 or more packed the sidewalks outside. Chicago pigs deputized as federal marshals lounged around the hallways. One black reporter from Newsweek, Don Johnson, was not permitted to enter the court. He alleged later in the day that the pigs' motives were racist. The Chicago pig/marshals ordered the above cleared, after the support for these inside the court got to Federal Judge Hoffman's head. A few people got their heads split, but none were hurt, as

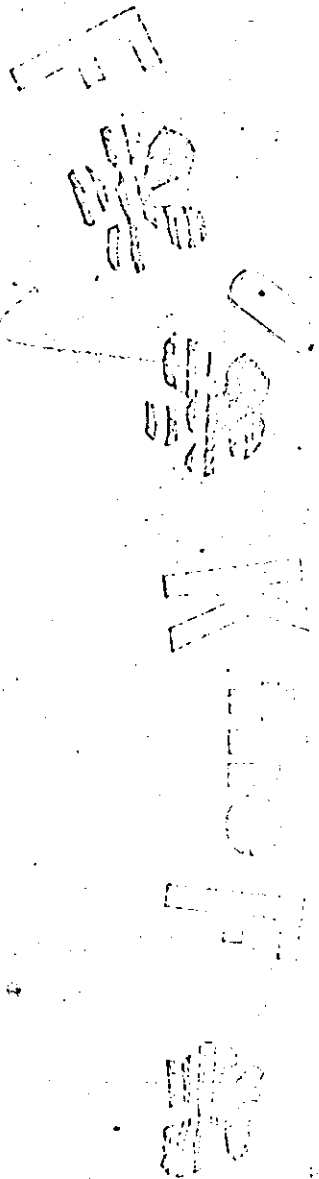
pushers circulating through the crowd urged dispersal. There was no point to a bust when jail was just a short trip upstairs.

Inside the courtroom, Dave Dellinger, Jerry Rubin, and Bobby Seale gave their pleas of "not guilty" with their raised in salute to the revolution. Outside the Federal Building hundreds cheered as the Chicago Indictees gave short individual trials.

Abbie Hoffman announced that he will lead a march into Lincoln Park the next day, Thursday, for a camping session he missed last

Tom Hayden, Jerry Rubin, Bobby Seale, and Abbie Hoffman, the defendants in the conspiracy trial, were seen in the courtroom at Federal Court in Chicago on Tuesday, June 17, 1968. The defendants are seen from left to right: Seale, Rubin, Hoffman, and Hayden. They are all wearing dark clothing and looking towards the camera.

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by Abbie Hoffman

Last summer, just a few days before Congress zipped through the law making it illegal to compile to run a pig for president in the streets of Chicago, they passed a federal law prohibiting the flag from "misuse, and defilement." The maximum penalty is one year in jail and a \$1000 fine. (The only other country to have just passed a similar law is Norway.)

The law is not the only national symbol to be protected. Previous laws of the Protection to Smokey the Bear, the 4-11 club's covenant, and the Statue of Liberty, for example, anyone who "defaces a fac-simile of Smokey the Bear is subject to a \$250 fine and six months in jail."

The arrest (for wearing a flag shirt) at the HUAC hearings last October was the first arrest under the Federal Law. At the trial I was found guilty and given a 60 day sentence which is just coming up for appeal. A transcript of the trial can be found in the November, 1956 issue of the Realist.

There the law is so vague that it would make Uncle Sam, drum major, and candidates who sport red, white, and blue hats and ties relatively unimportant to the federal government.

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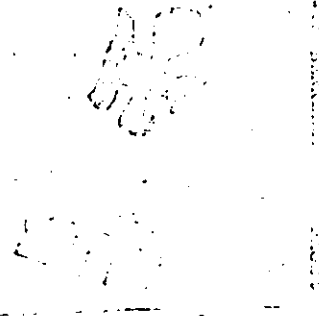
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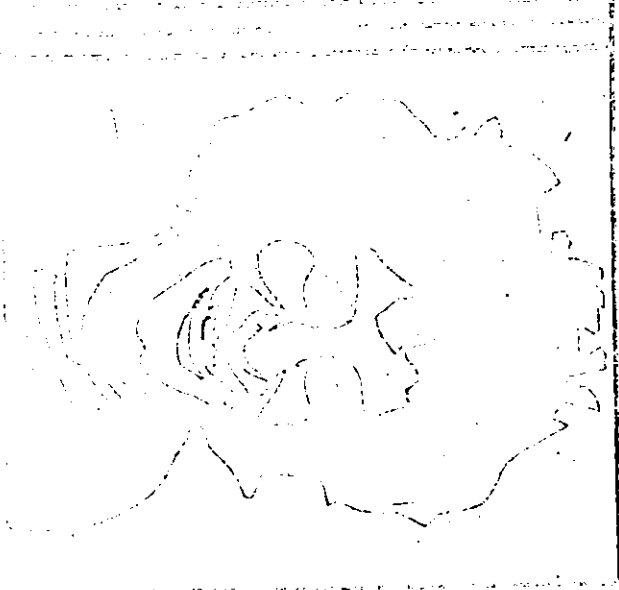
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April 30, 1969

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TO: SAC, Indianapolis

FROM: Director, FBI (176-34)

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, AKA
ARL
OO: CHICAGO

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Re Indianapolis teletype to the Director, dated 4/16/69 captioned "Abbott Howard Hoffman, aka, SM - ANA (Key Activist) (OO: New York) ARL, (Principal Subject) (OO: Chicago)."

Surep immediately.

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Indianapolis covered a speech made by subject at St. Joseph's College, Resslerer, Indiana, on 4/15/69. Indianapolis is transcribing a tape recording of speech and obtaining identities of witnesses.

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FROM : Director, FBI
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (176-34)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (176-28)
SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, aka
(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT)
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Re New York airtel 4/7/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of LHM concerning the subject's appearance on the "At Random" Show. Two (2) copies are being furnished New York and two (2) copies being submitted to USA, Chicago.

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In March, 1969, [redacted] CBS Tele-
vision Stations, 630 North McClung Court, Chicago,
furnished an audio tape recording of the "At Random"
Show of May 11-12, 1968, hosted by John Madigan. Excerpts
from this tape are as follows:

John Madigan: Abbie, you have heard from time to time
members of what you would probably call
the establishment charge - some senators,
some mayors, some businessmen - charge
that these movements are being used or
influenced by subversive elements.

Abbie Hoffman: That's great

Madigan: I know

Hoffman: So what ... I mean ... so what?

Madigan: Expand on that a little bit ... you don't
care if the Communists use the ... any
trouble on the campus or on the Vietnam
issue whatsoever?

Hoffman: Well... I... I... you know... you have to
run down to me what exactly a Communist is ...
that's all... like an American or a Yippie.

Madigan: Well, I'll use the real old expression ...
somebody who advocates the violent over-
throw of the United States Government.

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Hoffman: Well, I'm for that.

Madigan: You're for the violent overthrow of the government?

Hoffman: Sure, why not? Well, anyway what difference does it make?

Madigan: Are you a communist?

Hoffman: Am I a communist?

Madigan: Are you a communist?

Hoffman: Well ... tell me what it is and I'll tell you man.

Madigan: Do you believe in the violent overthrow of the government?

Hoffman: Yes ... I'm a commie ... sure.

Madigan: Okay. So you feel that ...uh...

Hoffman: I believe that ... the overthrow of the government by any means possible ... you know ... by ... different people will evolve different styles ... I mean ... essentially one of the things we're engaged in ... the Yippies ... is a kind of monkey warfare... throw out money at the stock exchange ... you know ... cement police car doors so they can't get in ... pass out free subway tokens... give away free food ... give away as many free things as we can.

Madigan: What are you doing at your convention here in Chicago ... this meeting in Chicago.

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Hoffman: Ah ... you mean ... we have ... the Yippie thing in Chicago ... cause we're having a big Yippie thing here.

Madigan: Where? At the University of Chicago?

Hoffman: No ... no... when the Democrats have their convention.

Madigan: What are you having right this weekend?

Hoffman: Oh, it's a teach-in kind of thing.

Madigan: Where?

Hoffman: At Chicago.

Madigan: Chicago University?

Hoffman: Yeah ... which I kind of think might be the next ... uh ... big school and the next escalation in terms of tactics to fall... I mean judging from their relationship with the black community around Chicago ... I don't think it's quite amicable ... and ... uh ... the fact that it's in the center of the country ... I mean ... with Berkeley on the west and Columbia on the east ... and now in the middle.

Madigan: Well, when you predict something like this I'm sure that thousands of viewers at home would then say "See, that lends evidence to the fact that these things are planned" ... cause this is what they do say ... they say ...

Hoffman: Sure, there is some great conspiracy ... that's right ... Thomas Jefferson said there ought to be a revolution every fifteen years ... right ... he's in on it ... I mean ... so what ... the peanut butter conspiracy ... right? The first time that came up was in a ... the HUAC demonstrations in San Francisco in 1960, and there were 5,000 people very angry at this kind of witch hunt ... and ... a ... HUAC came out and

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said there were five known communists in the crowd ... and... like this has kind of a reverse effect because here you got like ... a... students from one of the best schools in the country ... you know ... graduate students, faculty members, everybody being undermined by five guys sneaking in the crowd ... you know ... that's very wierd.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (176-34) DATE: 4/29/69

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (176-new)

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN
ARL
 (OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau dated 4/16/69 entitled, "DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION (TRAVEL OF DEFENDANTS); ARL;" OO Chicago.

Philadelphia was unable to obtain location of any speeches of ABBOTT HOFFMAN while in Philadelphia 4/18/69 and 4/19/69.

Philadelphia has alerted informants for any information concerning HOFFMAN.

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TO: SAC, Minneapolis (176-4)

FROM: Director, FBI (176-34)

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, AKA.;
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Reurairtel dated 5/5/69 captioned "Disturbances in Connection with Democratic National Convention (Travel of Defendants) ARL, OO: Chicago; Abbott Howard Hoffman, aka, SM-ANA (Key Activist) OO: New York," and CGairtel to all offices dated 4/15/69, captioned "Disturbances in Connection with the Democratic National Convention (Travel of Defendants), ARL."

Conduct additional investigation to obtain the text of subject Hoffman's remarks made during his appearance at North Dakota State University on 4/30/69, including the exact transcript of his speech, if it is available. Identify and interview witnesses who can testify to his remarks.

Hereafter, comply with the instructions set out in reCGairtel.

For your further information and future guidance, instructions have been issued that public statements made by the eight Chicago ARL subjects, are to be recorded by Special Agents, using concealed recorders where SAC can insure full security, and that the Bureau is to be advised when recorders are used by Bureau Agents in these matters.

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NOTE:

Minneapolis submitted LHM regarding newspaper article reporting subject Hoffman's appearance referred to above. This is insufficient coverage and additional investigation must be conducted to (1) locate appropriate witnesses and (2) determine exactly what he said.

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Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 5/5/69

CRIMINAL DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI (176-34)

ATTENTION: MR. CHARLES BROOKHART

SUBJECT: ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN,
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There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____ dated _____ at _____.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

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H. This covers the receipt of a ~~complaint~~ and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

NOTE: Enclosed are copies of articles appearing on pages 43-47 of the March/April 1969 edition of "Liberation Magazine."

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"ABBY H. HOFFMAN,
DAVID TYRE DELLINGER, ARL

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Review of *Revolution for The Hell of It*, by Abbie Hoffman
by Marty Jezer

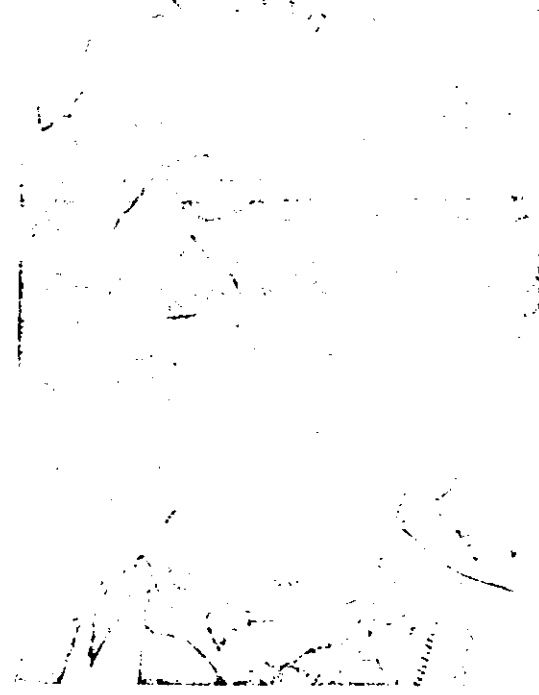
Abbie Hoffman—psychologist turned SNCC field worker turned movement entrepreneur (Liberty House) turned hippie/digger/yippie/acid head—first surfaced in the peace movement in the spring of 1967 as an apostle of—of all things—Flower Power. "Watch out America," Abbie warned—after his flower brigade was stomped upon by beer-bellied legionnaires, longshoremen and teamsters after it had infiltrated New York City's "Support Our Boys" parade with garlands of flowers and appropriate signs—"Plans are being made to mine the East River with daffodils. Dandelion chains are being wrapped around induction centers. Holes are being dug in street pavements and seeds dropped in and covered. The cry of 'Flower Power' echoes throughout the land. We shall not wilt."

Revolution for the Hell of It begins with flowers and ends on the blood-bathed streets of Mayor Daley's Chicago. The dandelion chain scheme never materialized. But so what. The book is filled with information about other landmark events, events that are unprecedented in the histories of revolution. Besides the ill-fated flower brigade, there is the throwing away of dollar bills at the N.Y. Stock Exchange, the attempt by the diggers to freak out S.D.S., the exorcism of the Pentagon, the creation of the Free Store, the Grand Central Yip-In, the Central Park Yip-Out, and finally the Yippee celebration of life in Chicago, about which Abbie devotes about one-third of the book. Also included in its entirety is "Fuck the System," the now classic guide to living free in New York City, which alone is worth the price of the book if you're fool enough to pay for it.

Revolution for the Hell of It, as the title implies, is unlike any previous book written about revolutionary movements, tactics or strategy. For one thing, it is funny; enough so to completely turn off those on the left for whom revolution is no laughing matter and who haven't yet come to realize that Marx had two brothers, three if you want to count Zeppo. In the Ideological Derby, the contest to decide who has THE CORRECT LINE, Abbie is left at the starter's gate. Like Dancer's Image, he is

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Author Hoffman

probably stoned. But Abbie's humor is deceptive. Side by side with the fun and games, the ego-tripping, the fantasies and the bullshit, of which there is plenty, are some of the most creative and brilliant insights into how to make a meaningful (as opposed to rhetorical) revolution in an affluent society. Insights, incidentally, that Abbie states come from Marcuse, McLuhan, psychologist Abe Maslow, as well as Chico, Harpo, Groucho and Karl Marx.

Abbie Hoffman was one of the first people on the left to realize that the hippies, flower children and dropouts panhandling on St. Marks Place are, as much as the blacks, what the revolution is all about. And, he understood, too, that the Second American Revolution is a cultural revolution, as much as or

more than a political one. Young whites, after all, are oppressed more by boredom than they are by poverty or potential powerlessness. Boredom is their condition of life, it represents their present as well as their future.

Abbie put into a political and activist context what Tim Leary was preaching and The Beatles were singing. "Drop out, drop out, everybody drop out." Revolution is not an ideology or a series of positions one takes on specific issues. It is existential, it is now, it is the way you live your life, not tomorrow after the revolution, but today as if it were already here. How to give such a revolution momentum, prevent it from being coopted, transform it into a viable political movement? "You build a better system," Abbie told an SDS gathering in June 1967. "Assume America is already dead, dead for those kids who are flocking to the Lower East Side and Haight-Ashbury, and give them a new, positive, authentic frame of reference. If it's done effectively they won't go back."

Talk about life-style and alternatives has become commonplace in the Movement, but in the spring of '67, when the Movement was short-haired and straight, it was pretty heady stuff. The leadership was out of touch with developments in the Haight and in other new-age communities. Pot was thought of as being young people into frivolity, out of the Movement. In discussing the Movement one spoke of "Trots" and about getting hundreds of thousands of respectable looking people to march down Fifth Avenue so that the news would approve. After all, were you going to convince President Johnson to stop the bombing if you were not well known? It was possible to contribute to the cost of a full-page ad in the *Sunday Times*. Allen Ginsberg was turning on a few of the younger New Leftists, Jerry Rubin for instance; but most Movement people looked down upon the growing hippie thing with disgust, embarrassment, or with confidence that it was an irrelevant and passing phase.

As for Abbie Hoffman, the stalwarts on the left considered him to be insufficiently ideological and moralistic. Abbie, of course, was pleased to accept both criticisms. He was never into left-wing sloganeering. "America is racist, America is imperialistic . . .," Abbie writes, "Bah-Bah-Bah-Bah-Bah-Bah-Bah-Bah-Bah. Sheep killing, historical people on the left spend most of their time telling each other things like that." As for the moral imperative, speaking in terms of the "demands of conscience," Abbie says, "I think fun and leisure are great. I don't like the concept of a movement built on sacrifice, dedication, responsibility, anger, frustration and guilt. All those

your creativity, then get out of school, quit your job. Come on and help build and defend the society you want."

No wonder the traditionalists of the Old and New Left put Abbie down. They are talking about children being napalmed in Vietnam. Abbie is talking of getting laid. The most convincing parts of *Revolution for the Hell of It* deal with communications and the media. Abbie observes that a 30-second spot commercial is more effective in conveying a message than the news reports it pays for. What good is it to tell people that children are being killed in an illegal, immoral and unjust war in Vietnam when they see it being done every night on TV right in their living rooms—and are not moved by it.

The traditional left, with its position papers, slogans, leaflets, ideological nitpicking, etc., still functions in an age of reason under the liberal assumption that there exists a free and open market place for ideas. They operate solely in a political context without any concern for the psychological and technological forces that have a far greater influence on the public mind than has politics. A basic premise of Abbie Hoffman, as well as other media-orientated activists in the Movement, is that the great majority of Americans are no longer susceptible to education. Scared, defensive, uptight, their computerized minds programmed to reject anything but the comfortable *status quo*, they are no longer susceptible to a political alternative, no matter how clearly articulated. How then to reach these people? Open them up to new ideas? Instead of facts, use "monkey warfare," Abbie says. Use myth and theatre. Juggle their symbols, blow their minds, cause confusion, chaos, "A Perfect Mess." Create, vicariously, a new order that demands new information, because the old data won't do, won't reflect the reality which they see but don't want to accept. Abbie describes his monkey warfare as one part Andy Warhol (because Warhol understands the media) and one part Fidel Castro (because Castro has a passion for social change). In a tolerant society, Abbie says, use Warhol as a model. In a repressive society, use Castro. In the United States, blend the two for best results.

The exorcism of the Pentagon and the littering of the Stock Exchange floor are the two most successful attempts at Monkey Warfare. The Yippee Celebration of Life was planned on a much more ambitious scale. Its deterioration into an inevitable confrontation with the police represents the dilemma which Abbie has not successfully resolved. From its inception, Yippee suffered from schizophrenia: a vision of a celebration and manifestation of an alternative life-style (a very real concern of Abbie's which, regrettably, is underplayed in the book) as against a confrontation with the police as a means of stopping the Democratic Party of its public relations respectability and showing it

confrontation. The line between the two, however, was never hard and clear. Abbie thinks that the entire week in Chicago was a great success. He

claims that despite the confrontation, Jerry feels it failed. Nonetheless, the two serve as adequate symbols of the differences within Yippee. Not surprisingly, they feuded most of the week in

"Ours might prove to be the greatest debate at this point in the movement," Abbie writes with characteristic exaggeration. "Jerry wants to show the clenched fist. I want to show the clenched fist and the smile. He wants a gun. I want the gun and the flower." This is a key debate within the Movement and I'm sorry Abbie doesn't take it seriously. What the gun can do, but we've hardly explored the possibilities of the flower and the smile. The Pentagon spends billions of dollars each year on research. But what does it know about the possibilities of a flower?

Commentary

by Dave Dellinger

When Jerry came up Abbie Hoffman and the Yippie phenomenon accurately when he writes: "Side by side with the fun and games, the

there is plenty, are some of the most creative and brilliant insights into how to make a meaningful (as well as a successful) revolution in an affluent society. The Yippies, like the Marxists, the Buddhists, that is, a radical and is often denied them by more narrowly political members of the Left. But it also obscures the problem, which becomes evident if one reverses the order of the sentence: Side by side with the creative insights are the ego-tripping, the fantasies and the bullshit—which in the end get in the way of making a revolution.

The truth is that the Yippies are essentially comics—in the glorious tradition of comics who have sharpened people's insights into the hypocrisy and pretentiousness of established values and institutions. But they do not offer a way out of the present society, with its organized selfishness and cruelty, its centers of military, economic and political power. Their role is essentially preparatory. Despite their talk about creating a counter-culture, they have not done so. Consequently their revolution is largely rhetorical, like the sloganeering of the Left which they correctly criticize. They have failed to create a counter-culture that leads out of the present morass because they have failed to create a way of life that synthesizes freedom and responsibility, satisfaction and sacrifice, individual fulfillment and social solidarity.

This failure is not surprising, since no other group in this country has done so either. But like the others the Yippies must be seen as representing an

early, flawed stage of rebelliousness, not a revolutionary way of life that exemplifies the true values of free men. And to the extent that they boast of their irresponsibility—and worse live up to it—they don't even help set our faces in the right direction.

Jezer is accurate as a reporter but fails us as a social critic when he writes approvingly: "Abbie says—I don't like the concept of a movement built on sacrifice, dedication, responsibility, anger, frustration and guilt.... No wonder the traditionalists of the Old and New Left put Abbie down. They are talking about children being napalmed in Vietnam. Abbie is talking about getting laid." It is Yippie adventurism to suggest that there is any way of getting rid of the repressive institutions of this society without immense sacrifice, dedication and responsibility. It is a non sequitur to imply that a movement characterized by these qualities has to be caught up in sexual frustration and guilt. We may have to cope with the political frustration of not being able to put an end to the napalming of children, but certainly not the frustration of not getting laid. To suggest that in order to get laid you have to become a Yippie—and stop thinking about the children in Vietnam, to boot—is on par with the ads that imply you can't get laid unless you buy the right cigarette, perfume or wardrobe. The Yippie's culture turns out to be distressingly like the mirror-image of the culture he thought he was rejecting—and it doesn't

the commodity culture by Yippies and politicians alike rests only partly on the fraudulence of the commodities it provides; it rests as well on the frustrations of a way of life which concentrates on one's own satisfactions without noticing that children are being napalmed in Vietnam, bitten by rats on the other side of town, and dying of malnutrition in Georgia and Venezuela.

The Yippie finds himself caught in a similar dilemma in other areas as well. Work is rejected because it has been prostituted in our 9 to 5 culture in which most people either hate their work or should hate it, because of the authoritarian context in which it takes place and the irrelevant or socially destructive purposes for which it is organized. But purposeful work is a necessary part of all human fulfillment, so a culture based on idleness and drugs soon becomes as boring as the culture it sought to replace. Besides, there are thousands of tasks to be performed, not to perpetuate the old order but to build the new one, and no way to perform them except through hard work. The Media are condemned for their dishonest advertising, but time and again Yippies will make spectacular statements that bring discredit on the movement or confuse their own followers in order to advertise themselves through a headline or a spot on the news. Where the pitch is an obvious put-on or put-down is one thing, (such as the announcement that they were going to levy the Pentagon) but others have gotten kids who took them seriously into unnecessary trouble they weren't prepared for.

It is important to recognize that Hoffman, Rubin and Jezer are all better than their rhetoric. They do occasionally, with concern for the victims of our society—not just the castrated straight men of their comedy routines but the blacks, the Vietnamese etc. Moreover, they do not just expose repressive institutions and point fitfully in the direction of a creative free society and a responsible human community. But like the society they condemn, they are too often victims of their consequences. Other people of the things they say or do.

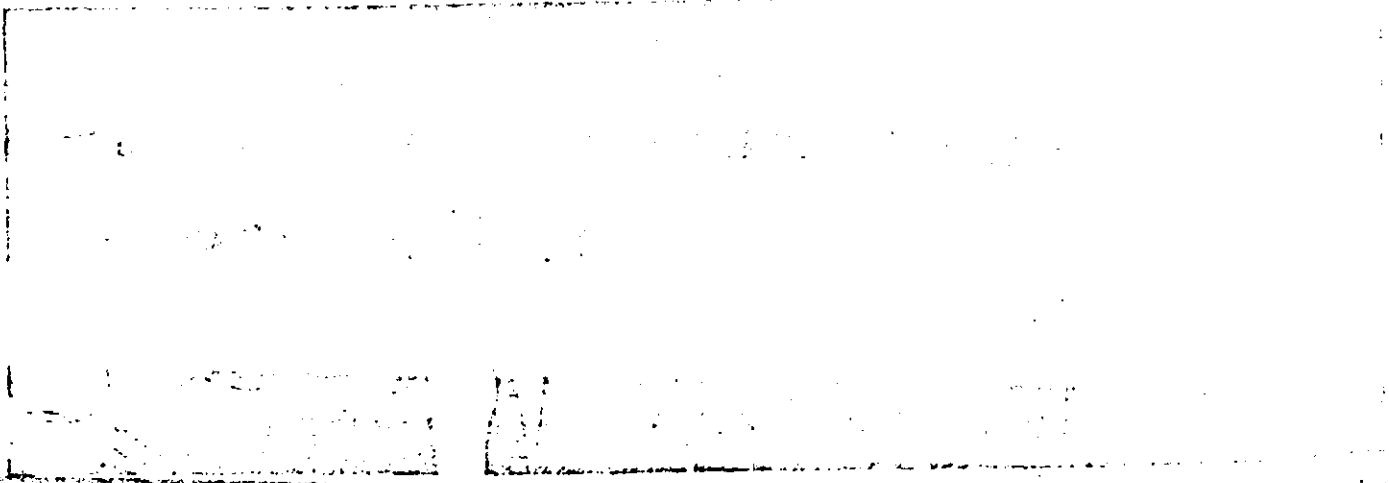
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In the recent book, Abbie writes that it is our duty to rescue those who are in the prison

black Panthers and even white Panthers who are on a rooftop ready to shoot if the administration calls the police onto the campus." From the context it is not clear whether he is supposed to be reporting this as a fact or offering it as his way of rescuing our brothers. I am sure that Abbie has no intention of going up onto a college roof with a gun himself, but

we are not sure that he is not offering it as a way of rescuing our brothers. I am sure that Abbie has no intention of going up onto a college roof with a gun himself, but freedom.

Yippies Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman flank fellow anti-war conspirator Dellinger



The decision to indict us represents an ominous
turning point in the Nixon administration. Political
indictments are to be bipartisan, like the war in
Vietnam. The continued repression of black
people in this country, Richard Nixon has now
turned into a police state, as by his actions
in Paris and Saigon he has endorsed the U.S.

A.B.M.'s. The new Richard Nixon has dropped his

end to the war in Vietnam and to work for the
liberation of our black brothers and all other
Americans who are victims of the present economic
and political system.

It is obscene for a government which has

just and one of the heaviest bombing raids of
World War II to indict those who are trying to put

which has refused to withdraw its
troops from Vietnam and therefore bears the
death of 468 Americans in a

war. The government which
uses napalm to incinerate little children has huffed
and puffed and tried to save its honor by indicting
us on trumped-up charges of teaching the use of
incendiary devices. The government which by its
own admission has tapped our phones and sent spies
and provocateurs to our meetings has indicted a
former employce of NBC for placing a microphone
in a Democratic Party committee meeting. We are
proud to have our words and actions made public
but the people who rule this country cannot afford
to submit their deliberations to public scrutiny.

The police riot in Chicago gave us but a small
taste of the violence which is imposed daily on the
people of Vietnam and the black people in this
country. The indictments against us are but a small
taste of the police repression that is underway
against the black liberation movement and the

military repression that has been launched against
the great number of GI's who are fighting the
war in Vietnam, such as the Progressive Party.
The attempt to get Bobby Seale is especially
obscene. It is a conspiracy to destroy the
Conspiracy to Destroy the U.S. Movement.

out the policies of Mayor Daley, the Democratic

refrains to be above the battle, balancing out the
score at 8 to 8. If they really wanted to indict eight
people on the other side, I could suggest 8
conspirators who are really guilty, beginning with
General Westmoreland, Former Secretary of Defense
Robert McNamara, Lyndon Johnson, Walter
Rostow, the President of General
Defense Secretary Laird, Richard Nixon, and of
course Mayor Richard Daley.

The government is wrong in its assumption of
to wage war against the American people just as it
has been wrong for years in its treatment of low

movement in which we pay a small price and not be
intimidated or pacified by putting us in jail. The
movement today is not made up of leaders. It is
essentially self-led and heterogeneous. It will
continue to grow until the repressive conditions
which have brought it into being are eliminated.

We have decided to call our legal and political
defense committee "The Conspiracy." We are
people whose work against war, poverty, racism,
corporate and military powers is being called a
conspiracy. We are proud of this work. We will
continue it. We invite all Americans to join The
Conspiracy, helping us to build a society in which
people have control over their own lives.

Dave Dellinger